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HB 453 Health - Medical Cannabis Reauthorization Act

Carrington & Associates, LLC SUPPORTS HB453. This bill (1) repeals the statutory caps on the number of grower and processor licenses that the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission is authorized to issue; (2) establishes new requirements for the commission's application review and evaluation process for medical cannabis grower and processor licenses, including establishing new timeframes for review and required inspections; and (3) requires the commission, in 2030, to conduct a study on the number of grower and processor licenses necessary to meet the demand for medical cannabis and report its findings to the General Assembly.

The free market has served our Nation well and is the gold standard in the world. By eliminating caps and creating a licensing system based upon meeting the state standards for operations, we would reduce the instances of corruption and put government in its proper role of calling "balls and strikes" instead of picking "winners and losers" in this process. If companies meet the standards established this new Commission, then they shall be issued a license. If those companies know what they are doing, they will be successful, if not, they will fail. That is the American Way!

This bill will immediately increase the number of minority-owned companies in this industry. We applaud the General Assembly in its on-going goals of creating a more equitable industry and this bill is another important step in that direction.

For these reasons, Carrington & Associates, LLC enthusiastically supports HB453 and asks for your FAVORABLE report.