



TESTIMONY ON BEHALF OF THE MARYLAND MEDICAL DISPENSARY
ASSOCIATION AND THE MARYLAND WHOLESALE MEDICAL
CANNABIS TRADE ASSOCIATION

Senate Bill 671—Medical Cannabis—Visiting Qualifying Patients

SUPPORT

Senate Finance Committee

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The Maryland Medical Dispensary Association (MDMDA) and the Maryland Wholesale Medical Cannabis Trade Association (CANMD) appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on Senate Bill 671—Medical Cannabis—Visiting Qualifying Patients.

Senate Bill 671 allows a visiting qualifying patient to participate in Maryland’s medical cannabis program. A number of states already have programs like this in place that would allow for reciprocity, including Washington, DC. The MDMDA and CANMD support such programs as they allow patients who are traveling, whether for business or for pleasure, the ability to obtain medication more easily. Considering the number of Americans who rely on medical cannabis to manage their health care conditions—nearly 3.6 million according to 2021 statistics—reciprocity is a commonsense measure. Since the Commission and others are focused right now on the future implementation of the adult-use program, we would be in support of a delayed implementation date.

For this simple and straightforward reason, we urge the Senate Finance Committee to vote favorably on Senate Bill 671.