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## **House Bill 272 - Cannabis Licensing and Registration - Use of Straw Ownership – Prohibition**

### **SUPPORT**

Carrington & Associates, LLC proudly supports House Bill 272, introduced by Delegate Grammer. Our firm, which represents cannabis clients across the country, recognizes the importance of addressing challenges within social equity programs.

This proposed legislation, aimed at preventing straw ownership in cannabis licensing, is a crucial step in fostering fairness and authenticity within the industry. We commend Delegate Grammer for his efforts to introduce measures that safeguard the integrity of social equity programs.

House Bill 272, particularly the provision prohibiting nominal ownership for the sole purpose of meeting statutory requirements, is a positive development. This initiative will contribute to the overall integrity of cannabis licensing and registration processes, ensuring that these opportunities are genuinely accessible to eligible individuals.

Carrington & Associates, LLC extends gratitude to Delegate Grammer for championing this cause. We look forward to the positive impact this legislation will have on social equity applicants.

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