



Senate Bill 347: Medical Cannabis—Employees in Health Care Settings Caring for Qualifying Patients

On behalf of the Maryland Dispensary Association (MDDA)
Senate Finance Committee
Support
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The Maryland Dispensary Association (MDDA), formerly the Maryland Medical Dispensary Association (MDMDA), was established in May, 2017 in order to promote the common interests and goals of the Medical Cannabis Dispensaries in Maryland. MDDA advocates for laws, regulations and public policies that foster a healthy, professional and secure medical cannabis industry in the State. MDDA works on the State and local level to advance the interest of licensed dispensaries as well as to provide a forum for the exchange of information in the Medical Cannabis Industry.

The MDDA has been a consistent supporter of policies that ensure access to medical cannabis for qualifying patients. Senate Bill 347 would allow designated medical personnel to administer medical cannabis to qualifying patients without having to register with the Maryland Cannabis Administration. Protections for designated medical personnel are included in the bill similar to those provided for designated school personnel authorized to administer medical cannabis.

This bill recognizes that cannabis is a vital medicine for many patients and, thus, ensures that patients have access to that medication regardless of health care setting. For this reason, we urge a favorable vote on Senate Bill 347.