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The House Economic Matters Committee

SB 299 – Cannabis Agents – Registration – Security Guards

Statement of Support by Bill Sponsor Senator Mary Beth Carozza

Thank you Chair Wilson, Vice-Chair Crosby, and members of the distinguished House Economic Matters Committee for this opportunity to present Senate Bill 299 – Cannabis Agents – Registration – Security Guards. SB 299 unanimously passed the Senate and the crossfile, House Bill 1347, sponsored by Delegate Adams, received a favorable report from this Committee and unanimously passed the House.

This legislation would eliminate an unnecessary redundancy in statute which currently requires those in the security guard industry to submit fingerprints or a national criminal history records check to the Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA) even if they already are certified by the Maryland State Police (MSP).

The MCA supports this legislation and should SB 299 be implemented, MCA would use proof of MSP security guard certification to verify that the prospective agent is eligible to work on the premises of a cannabis licensee or registrant.

Under SB 299, a security guard would still register with MCA as a cannabis agent; however, it eliminates an unnecessary redundancy for the security guard to submit fingerprints for both MCA agent registration and MSP certification.

I thank you for your kind attention and consideration, and I respectfully request a favorable and very swift report on SB 299.