

HB0427 – FAVORABLE (FAV)

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I support House Bill 0427, which would extend the Maryland Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances through 2027 and require an updated report in 2026.

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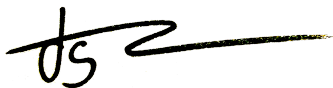
Despite federal restriction and absence of FDA-approved options, clinical and public interest is surging. The FDA designated psilocybin a “breakthrough therapy.” The DoD is funding psychedelic research for military and veterans. Oregon, Colorado, and New Mexico have already enacted state-level regulated psychedelic access models, offering valuable lessons learned. Washington, D.C. decriminalized psychedelics, furthering a presently unmonitored market. The presidential administration has taken an assertive stance on advancing psychedelics, leaving Maryland with a time-limited opportunity to tailor local policies before federal standards are imposed.

In my professional counseling work, I have witnessed both irresponsible and responsible use of natural psychedelic substances, often driven by public interest in clinical findings, and ready access through Washington D.C. and other illicit channels. A regulated access program can maximize benefits while also mitigating risks for Marylanders already seeking these compounds.

The Task Force does not support delaying state action. As a pioneer in psychedelic science since the 1950s, Maryland is well-positioned to translate lessons from other states into a responsible resident-centered policy, leading national models rather than reacting to them. An extension will allow the Task Force to carefully craft a regulatory approach that ensures safe, responsible, and affordable access.

I urge the committee to vote favorably on House Bill 0427 and support the extended work of the Maryland Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances.

With Gratitude,



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Resources:

- Maryland Task Force On Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances:
October 2025 Report:
[https://dlslibrary.state.md.us/publications/Exec/MCA/Ch793,Ch792\(2024\)_2025\(10\).pdf](https://dlslibrary.state.md.us/publications/Exec/MCA/Ch793,Ch792(2024)_2025(10).pdf)
- Maryland Task Force On Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances:
Research and General Information on Natural Psychedelic Substances,
hosted by Maryland Cannabis Administration:
https://cannabis.maryland.gov/Pages/Research_and_General_Information.aspx