

HB171 Unfavorable
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The people of Maryland voted to end the war on drugs for Cannabis when we voted Yes on Question 4. Cannabis is less dangerous than alcohol or tobacco, neither of which are treated as drug trafficking. Adding Cannabis back into drug war law designed for deadly narcotics is attempting to restart the war on drugs for Cannabis. The people have said "No more!" Prohibition is fundamentally flawed public policy. Prohibition always costs the community more and delivers less benefits. Cannabis is now commerce not drug distribution. Unlicensed sales of Cannabis still vastly outnumber licensed sales. This bill will not change that. The most effective way to reduce unlicensed Cannabis sales is to lower market prices.

Please vote unfavorable on this HB171 "Criminal Law - Drug Trafficking Crime – Definition".

Thank you,
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