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Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission Appoints William Tilburg as its New Executive Director

Linthicum, Md., Dec. 16, 2019—On the advice of the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission (MMCC) Executive Committee, commissioners voted to approve the recommendation to offer William Tilburg the position of executive director.

“Will Tilburg brings a wealth of experience to our Commission as it relates to state regulatory issues and an in-depth knowledge of the Commission and the industry,” said Brian Lopez, Commission chair. “Additionally, Will is well known and respected by state legislators; and is recognized as one of the most knowledgeable experts among regulators nationally.”

The MMCC commissioners believe Tilburg’s experience will provide a level of consistency essential to the Commission’s continuing operations as the Commission goes through a transition as the result of HB2.

Tilburg served as the director of Government Affairs and Policy for the Commission, as well as serving as the acting executive director since Sept. 2019. The legislative session begins in Jan. 2020 and his expertise in the industry will allow for the Commission to provide substantial, qualitative expert testimony to the state legislature should the need arise.

In his role as executive director, he will have primary oversight of the day-to-day activities of the 60 plus Commission professionals who carry out the duties/responsibilities assigned to them.

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His institutional knowledge and experience make him uniquely qualified to lead the Commission. In addition, he will advise the 13-member Commission on federal and state regulations and/or laws that have an impact on the cannabis industry in Maryland. He will draft legislative and regulatory proposals for the Commission and the Maryland Department of Health.

Prior to his position with the Commission, Will served as the managing director for the Legal Resource Center at the University of Maryland, School of Law in Baltimore. In that role he managed a staff of five attorneys, two support staff and 10 law students. He regularly provided technical guidance, testimony as well as summarized any medical cannabis regulations before the Maryland General Assembly.

Will earned a Bachelor of Arts from Providence College in Providence, RI, a graduate degree in Public Health from the University of Maryland, School of Public Health and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Maryland, School of Law.

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