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MARYLAND MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION RESOLUTION

A Commission Resolution concerning

The Impact of Redistricting on Medical Cannabis Dispensaries

FOR the purpose of affirming that the limitation of two medical cannabis dispensaries per Senatorial district correlate to the 2012 redistricting currently in effect, regardless of the 2022 redistricting plans and maps introduced by the Maryland General Assembly; requiring the Commission to evaluate the new boundaries established by the 2022 redistricting once enacted by the legislature to determine whether further action by the Commission is needed concerning the location of medical cannabis dispensaries; and generally relating to the impact of redistricting in Maryland on medical cannabis dispensaries.

WHEREAS, The process of redistricting occurs every 10 years following the completion of the United States Census;

WHEREAS, The most recent census concluded October 2020 and the redistricting process in Maryland is now underway;

WHEREAS, In January 2021, Governor Hogan issued Executive Order 01.01.2021.02 establishing a Maryland Citizen Redistricting Commission to oversee a transparent and public process to approve final redistricting plans for State legislative and Congressional districts for introduction by the Maryland General Assembly during the 2022 legislative session;

WHEREAS, Health-General Article § 13-3307 requires that to the extent permitted by federal and State law, the Commission shall actively seek geographic diversity when licensing dispensaries.

WHEREAS, COMAR 10.62.25.06 limits dispensaries to no more than two in each of the State's 47 Senatorial Districts, other than the number of licensed grower dispensary facilities in the Senatorial district;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission hereby endorses and recommends that the Commission require that the limitation of two dispensaries per Senatorial district correlate to the 2012 redistricting currently in effect and remain in effect following the final certified redistricting plans and maps based upon census changes introduced by the Maryland General Assembly during the 2022 legislative session;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission will evaluate the new boundaries of the 2022 redistricting once enacted by the Maryland General Assembly to determine whether any additional action by the Commission is needed with respect to the location of existing and new dispensaries after considering factors such as access to medical cannabis, continuity of dispensary operations, and any potential economic burden on dispensaries; and

The above resolution was adopted with unanimous Commission approval at the September 23, 2021 meeting of the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission.


Brian Lopez, Chair