

Chapter 365

(Senate Bill 222)

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council – Membership

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council; and generally relating to the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 13–4502(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 13–4502(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

13–4502.

(a) There is a Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council.

(b) The Advisory Council consists of the following members:

(1) One member from the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
of the Senate;

(2) One member from the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
the House;

(3) The Secretary, or the Secretary’s designee;

(4) The Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health, or the Deputy Secretary’s
designee;

(5) The Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary’s designee;

(6) The ~~Executive~~ Director of the [Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission] **MARYLAND CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION**, or the ~~Executive~~ Director's designee;

(7) The State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's designee;

(8) The Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, or the Executive Director's designee; [and]

(9) **THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION, OR THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESIGNEE; AND**

(10) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SOCIAL EQUITY IN THE MARYLAND CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE; AND

(11) The following members appointed by the Governor:

- (i) One representative from a historically black college or university;
- (ii) One health care provider with experience in cannabis;
- (iii) One pharmacist licensed in the State;
- (iv) One health care provider with expertise in substance use disorder treatment and recovery;
- (v) One individual with expertise in cannabis use disorder;
- (vi) One academic researcher with expertise in cannabis law and policy;
- (vii) One individual with at least 5 years of experience in health or social equity;
- (viii) One public health professional with cannabis experience; and
- (ix) One representative of a laboratory that tests cannabis.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 6, 2025.