

# HOUSE BILL 694

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By: **Delegate Grammer**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2020

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission – Renaming and Purpose**

3 FOR the purpose of renaming the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission to be  
4 the Natalie M. LaPrade Cannabis Commission; altering a certain intent of the  
5 General Assembly; altering the purpose of the Natalie M. LaPrade Cannabis  
6 Commission to include implementation of policies, procedures, guidelines, and  
7 regulation for any legal commercial sale of cannabis in the State; providing that the  
8 Natalie M. LaPrade Cannabis Commission is the successor of the Natalie M.  
9 LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission; providing that certain names and titles of  
10 a certain unit and certain officials in laws and other documents mean the names and  
11 titles of the successor unit and officials; providing for the continuity of certain  
12 matters and persons; providing that letterhead, business cards, and other documents  
13 reflecting the renaming of the Commission may not be used until all letterhead,  
14 business cards, and other documents already in print and reflecting the name of the  
15 Commission before the effective date of this Act are used; requiring the publisher of  
16 the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of  
17 the Department of Legislative Services, to correct any cross-references or  
18 terminology rendered incorrect by this Act and to describe any corrections made in  
19 an editor's note following the section affected; and generally relating to the Natalie  
20 M. LaPrade Cannabis Commission.

21 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

22 Article – Health – General  
23 Section 13–3301(a)  
24 Annotated Code of Maryland  
25 (2019 Replacement Volume)

26 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

27 Article – Health – General  
28 Section 13–3301(e), 13–3301.1, and 13–3302(a) and (c) to be under the amended  
29 subtitle “Subtitle 33. Natalie M. LaPrade Cannabis Commission”

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2019 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article – Health – General**

Subtitle 33. Natalie M. LaPrade [Medical] Cannabis Commission.

13–3301.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(e) “Commission” means the Natalie M. LaPrade [Medical] Cannabis  
Commission established under this subtitle.

13–3301.1.

The General Assembly intends that the programs implemented in accordance with  
this subtitle yield a successful but consumer–friendly [medical] cannabis industry in the  
State to provide [patients] affordable and adequate access to [medical] cannabis.

13–3302.

(a) There is a Natalie M. LaPrade [Medical] Cannabis Commission.

(c) The purpose of the Commission is to develop policies, procedures, guidelines,  
and regulations to implement [programs]:

**(1) PROGRAMS** to make medical cannabis available to qualifying patients  
in a safe and effective manner; **AND**

**(2) ANY LEGAL COMMERCIAL SALE OF CANNABIS IN THE STATE.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, as provided in this Act:

(a) The Natalie M. LaPrade Cannabis Commission is the successor of the Natalie  
M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission.

(b) In every law, executive order, rule, regulation, policy, or document created by  
an official, an employee, or a unit of this State, the names and titles of those agencies and  
officials mean the names and titles of the successor agency or official.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That nothing in this Act affects the  
term of office of an appointed or elected member of any board, commission, office,

1 department, agency, or other unit. An individual who is a member of a unit on the effective  
2 date of this Act shall remain for the balance of the term to which appointed or elected,  
3 unless the member sooner dies, resigns, or is removed under provisions of law.

4 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any transaction or  
5 employment status affected by or flowing from any change of nomenclature or any statute  
6 amended by this Act and validly entered into or existing before the effective date of this Act  
7 and every right, duty, or interest flowing from a statute amended by this Act remains valid  
8 after the effective date of this Act and may be terminated, completed, consummated, or  
9 enforced as required or allowed by any statute amended by this Act as though the  
10 amendment had not occurred. If a change in nomenclature involves a change in name or  
11 designation of any State unit, the successor unit shall be considered in all respects as  
12 having the powers and obligations granted the former unit.

13 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

14 (a) The continuity of every board, commission, office, department, agency, or  
15 other unit is retained.

16 (b) The personnel, records, files, furniture, fixtures, and other properties and all  
17 appropriations, credits, assets, liabilities, and obligations of each retained unit are  
18 continued as the personnel, records, files, furniture, fixtures, properties, appropriations,  
19 credits, assets, liabilities, and obligations of the unit under the laws enacted by this Act.

20 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That letterhead, business cards,  
21 and other documents reflecting the renaming of the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis  
22 Commission to be the Natalie M. LaPrade Cannabis Commission may not be used until all  
23 letterhead, business cards, and other documents already in print and reflecting the name  
24 of the Commission before the effective date of this Act have been used.

25 SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the publisher of the  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the  
27 Department of Legislative Services, shall correct, with no further action required by the  
28 General Assembly, cross-references and terminology rendered incorrect by this Act. The  
29 publisher shall adequately describe any correction that is made in an editor's note following  
30 the section affected.

31 SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
32 October 1, 2020.