

**MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society  
House of Delegates**

CC Report 1-23 - INFORMATION

INTRODUCED BY: Cannabis Committee

SUBJECT: Report of the Cannabis Committee

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The MedChi Cannabis Committee (“Committee”) hosted a very successful CME last fall and has been doing research on the issue of unregulated CBD products. The Committee has been having regular meetings and is planning to rework its webpage in response to Maryland’s passage of recreational cannabis legislation.

For the past four months, the focus of the Committee has been on the Maryland General Assembly’s work on legislation creating a framework for the legalization of recreational cannabis, which culminated in the passage of Senate Bill 516. The Committee through MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society was focused on four issues regarding Senate Bill 516:

1. Protecting the current medical cannabis regulatory structure.
2. Opposing any tax on medical cannabis.
3. Opposing any increase in scope of practice—As introduced, the bill would have allowed registered nurses new prescriptive authority for medical cannabis.
4. Additional protections around CBD products that are currently unregulated.

With the expertise and advice of members of the Committee, MedChi submitted two separate letters to State legislators explaining our support or concern for the above-listed items. Legislators heard our message, and the Committee is proud to report that we were successful on all four measures.