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A resource (ORG) - MD-NORML, The Maryland chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. If it is your strong desire that marijuana laws need to change, stop cursing the darkness and light a candle. You are empowered with the ability to play a major role in ending marijuana prohibition. Visit: <http://www.marylandnorml.org/>

Source: NORMLs Active State Medical Marijuana Programs list - which includes; [Alaska](#) | [California](#) | [Colorado](#) | [Hawaii](#) | [Maine](#) | [Maryland](#) | [Montana](#) | [Nevada](#) | [Oregon](#) | [Vermont](#) | and [Washington](#) State. Visit: www.norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=3391

Marijuana Policy Project. MPP's Rob Kampia and Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich ...
New MPP study: Medical marijuana laws don't increase teen marijuana use ... Visit: <http://www.mpp.org/>

Resource (ORG) AAMC: News and Events. The American Alliance For Medical Cannabis (AAMC). The folks at AAMC are dedicated to bringing patients, caregivers and volunteers the facts they need to make informed decisions about whether Cannabis is the right medicine for them, the laws surrounding Medicinal Marijuana in your area, political activism and even handy recipes and guides to growing your own nontoxic medicine. See these news links:

- [New Maryland Governor Supports Medical Marijuana - The Gazette \(MD\) \(22 Jan 2003\)](#)
- [Maryland: Push made for medicinal pot - The Washington Times \(DC\) \(15 Mar 2002\)](#)

And more at: <http://www.letfreedomgrow.com/news.htm>

Informational link (INF) The Law. Maryland's legislature passed a medical marijuana affirmative defense law in 2003. This law requires the court to consider a defendant's use of medical marijuana to be a mitigating factor in marijuana-related state prosecution. If the patient, post-arrest, successfully makes the case at trial that his or her use of marijuana is one of medical necessity, then the maximum penalty allowed by law would be a \$100 fine. Visit: http://www.norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=4542&wtm_view=medical

Info (ORG) Becoming A Patient. Since Maryland only provides an affirmative defense in court for medical marijuana patients, there is no real process for becoming a patient other than receiving a valid doctor's recommendation. Therefore, there is no registration fee, identification card, or list of eligible medical conditions provided. Additionally, Maryland's medical marijuana law does not state what is considered to be valid written documentation to prove eligibility, or how to find a physician to recommend medical marijuana. See: <http://www.safeaccessnow.org/article.php?id=2050>

Learn the laws of your state. If you are a resident of Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Nevada, Oregon, Vermont or Washington state legislation has been passed which legalizes the use of marijuana as medicine. We have all the information you need in the Official Info pages for your state, including any local amendments or voluntary ID card programs operated by your State, County or City. Visit: <http://potclubs.us/>

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medical necessity, then the maximum penalty allowed by law would be a \$100 fine. Visit: <http://potclubs.us/content/main.maryland.php>

Link (INF) Medical Marijuana - Frequently Asked Questions.

NOTE: This example involves the **California** process.

Q: How can I get my current doctor to write me a recommendation?

A: We at Legal Marijuana Guide encourage an increase in doctor / patient communication.

The best way to approach the topic of a medical marijuana recommendation with your doctor is to be honest, to be open, and to ask. If your doctor is receptive to the idea, or if they have indicated to you that they are willing to write you a recommendation, they certainly can.

For a recommendation for medical marijuana to be valid in the State of California, it must have contain these components:

* The recommendation must be written on the doctor's letterhead, and should be a typed formal letter and may NOT be simply a written memo or prescription.

* The recommendation must contain the disease / ailment, as well as the date that the recommendation expires.

* The doctor must sign the recommendation.

* The recommendation must contain the doctor's CA Medical License Number.

A recommendation containing these elements written by any doctor in the State of California is valid in a court of law, and is will allow a patient to gain access to a dispensary (in California). Visit: <http://potclubs.us/content/faq.php>

Maryland Medical Marijuana Law - Marijuana Growing.

Maryland Medical Marijuana Law - [Find more information in the GrowFAQ] || title:Maryland **Medical Marijuana** Law. Visit: <http://www.overgrow.com/edge/showthread/t-98054.html>

Link (INF) Medical Marijuana Pro/Con Pros & cons on medical marijuana. Science, risks, policies, & laws. This site presents in a simple, nonpartisan pro-con format, responses to the core question "Should marijuana be a medical option now?" We have divided questions about the topic into the issues and sub-issues listed below. All individuals and organizations quoted on our site are ranked based upon our unique credibility scale. Visit: <http://www.medicalmarijuanaprocon.org/>

Link (INF) Medical cannabis. From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. This article about **cannabis** discusses the use of the plant as a [medicinal drug](#). For other uses, see [Cannabis](#) and [Hemp](#). **Medical cannabis** refers to the use of [Cannabis](#) as a [prescription drug](#), most notably as an [antiemetic](#). The term *medical marijuana* post-dates the [US Marijuana Tax Act](#) of [1937](#) whose effects included, in the United States, making cannabis prescription illegal. Visit: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medical_marijuana

Link (INF) Medical Marijuana Research **medical** marijuana at the world's largest online library. Visit: <http://www.questia.com/>

News (INF) NORML's Testimony on Medical Marijuana Legislation in Maryland (2002) Paul Armentano. Professionally, I have studied the science of marijuana and its compounds as therapeutic agents since 1995. I have done this both as NORML's research director and also as a research consultant for London's GW Pharmaceuticals - the only company legally licensed in the world to grow medical marijuana and perform human patient trials on various preparations of sublingual cannabis extracts. My professional research has led to me to reach the following conclusion: Marijuana is a medicine and patients who use it therapeutically must be legally protected. See: http://www.norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=5235&wtm_format=print

Legislation

OnTheIssues - Albert Wynn. Government issues are placed in four categories, along with a link for background data, and on each issue view how this **Maryland** Democrat Representative voted. Visit: http://www.issues2000.org/House/Albert_Wynn.htm

Legislative (ACT) Profile In Political Courage: Maryland's Republican Governor Resists White House Pressure, Signs Medical Marijuana Legislation In spite of strong pressure from the Bush White House, Maryland's Republican Governor Robert Ehrlich signed legislation to reduce the penalties for medical marijuana use. The Washington Post reported in a front-page story on May 23, 2003 ("[Ehrlich Signs Marijuana Bill](#)") that "As he made some of the biggest policy decisions of his first year in office, Ehrlich crossed swords with politicians from liberals to Bush administration officials. See more at: http://www.csdp.org/news/news/medmar_arch.htm

Issues2002.org - Robert Ehrlich on the Issues. Find links to the voting record and comments made to the press by the **Maryland** Republican on abortion, defense, taxes, education and other issues. Visit: http://www.issues2002.org/House/Robert_Ehrlich.htm

NEWS

News (article) Maryland Medical Marijuana Defense Measure Becomes Law May 22, 2003 - **Annapolis, MD:** Governor Robert Ehrlich (R) signed legislation into law today to allow medicinal

marijuana patients to raise an "affirmative defense of medical necessity" at trial. Visit: http://www.norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=5652

News (article) Maryland Legislature Rebuffs Drug Czar, Passes Medical Marijuana Bill, Awaits Governor's Signature - 3/28/03 - Ignoring a last-minute intervention by drug czar John Walters, the Maryland Senate voted 29-17 Wednesday to approve medical marijuana legislation. The Maryland House of Delegates passed a similar measure last week. Maryland thus becomes the second state to reform its medical marijuana laws through the legislative process. Hawaii did so in 2000. All other medical marijuana measures in recent years have been enacted through the initiative and referendum process. See: <http://www.stopthedrugwar.org/chronicle/280/marylandbill.shtml>

News (article) New Maryland Governor Supports Medical Marijuana. Jan. 22, 2003, ANNAPOLIS -- Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. (R) said he will sign legislation to legalize medical marijuana, giving new hope to advocates who say the drug can help relieve nausea from chemotherapy and other debilitating conditions. Ehrlich said Thursday that he has long supported legalizing marijuana use for medicinal purposes, and that "if the bill makes sense," he would sign it into law. Visit: <http://www.letfreedomgrow.com/articles/md030205.htm>

Drug Policy Alliance: Maryland's Gov. Ehrlich Signs Medical Marijuana Bill.
Home > News > Maryland's Gov. Ehrlich Signs **Medical Marijuana** Bill. Join the Drug Policy Alliance's work to promote drug policies based on science, compassion, health, and human rights. http://www.drugpolicy.org/news/05_22_03maryland.cfm

Maryland's Gov. Ehrlich Signs Medical Marijuana Bill. FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.
MAY 22, 2003. Maryland's Gov. Ehrlich Signs **Medical Marijuana** Bill. Republican Governor Defies White House. ANNAPOLIS, **MARYLAND** -- **Maryland** Gov. ... ANNAPOLIS, MARYLA... <http://www.mpp.org/releases/nr052203md.html>

Maryland's Gov. Ehrlich Signs Medical Marijuana Bill. Thurs, May 22, 2003. Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich signed medical marijuana legislation into law today, marking the first time that a Republican governor has signed a bill to protect medical marijuana patients from jail. The action came despite enormous pressure from White House Drug Czar John Walters to veto the measure.

Maryland law presently provides penalties of up to a year in state prison and a \$1,000 fine for marijuana possession. Under the new law, patients using marijuana to treat the symptoms of serious illness such as cancer, AIDS, and Crohn's disease will be able to use "medical necessity" as a defense against marijuana possession charges. If successful, the most severe punishment they could receive would be a \$100 fine. Visit: http://www.drugpolicy.org/news/05_22_03maryland.cfm

News and Links (INF) MarijuanaNews.Com with Richard Cowan. The Original Marijuana Blog. MarijuanaNews.Com, Freedom has nothing to fear from the truth. Visit: http://www.marijuananeews.com/marijuananeews/cowan/medical_cannabis.htm

News (ONL) Cannabis News Service (CNS) This site will function as an archive, with updates on some of our most popular video pages. Currently leading Maryland's grassroots medical marijuana effort, **Kitty Tucker** knows how unfair laws can affect lives. See: <http://www.cannabisnewsservice.com/millennium.html>

News (INF) from MarijuanaNews.Com, where Freedom has nothing to fear from the truth. "Of course, as often as not, the police have such a strangle hold on the politicians that they still end up doing the wrong thing, or as in Maryland, a parody of the right thing. It would appear that Maryland is about to enact a "medical cannabis" bill, which demonstrates that the quality of mercy is not merely strained, it is severely herniated. Patients will be subject *only* to a fine of \$100! Whoopdee do! The line for groveling starts on the right.

I do not mean to belittle in any way the hard work of the people who managed to squeeze even this little blood from the stone hearts of the appalling people who govern us, but how can anyone vote for a fine for a sick person using a plant? If they really need the plant, that is cruel, and if they don't need it, then why do anything?

There is at least one good thing about the bill, however. The Drug Czar does not like it.”
See more at: <http://www.marijuananeews.com/news.php3?sid=651>

News (LNK) cannabisnews.com: medical related topics

- 7/01/2003 [Canada, Maryland Going To Pot](#)
- 4/02/2003 [Maryland's Marijuana Bill](#)
- 4/01/2003 [Maryland's Marijuana Legalization Bid](#)
- 3/01/2001 [Maryland Debates Medicinal-Marijuana](#)

and more at: <http://www.cannabisnews.com/news/list/medical.shtml>

News (LNK) **MAP: Cannabis** - Medicinal. The Media Awareness Project (MAP) News archive. Visit: <http://www.mapinc.org/mmj.htm>

Maryland General Assembly, The - House Bill 702. Read the amended version of the state's 2003 **medical marijuana** bill that passed the state House. Advocates for **medical** use call vote a partial victory. Visit: <http://www.mlis.state.md.us/2003rs/billfile/HB0702.htm>

AAMC: Maryland: New Governor Supports Medical Marijuana. New **Maryland** Governor Supports **Medical** Marijuana. by Steven T. Dennis Staff Writer Jan. 22, 2003 Legislators drafting a variety of bills ANNAPOLIS -- Gov. ... Visit: <http://www.letfreedomgrow.com/articles/md030205.htm>

Maryland Legislature to Hear Two Medical Marijuana Bills Over Two Days. ANNAPOLIS -- Two committees of the **Maryland** legislature will hear

identical **medical marijuana** bills on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. ... Visit:
<http://www.mpp.org/releases/nr022801md.html>

Maryland: House Approves Medical Marijuana Bill. Posted on 03/19/2003 4:37:49 AM PST by Wolfie. House Approves **Medical Marijuana** Bill. The **Maryland** House of Delegates approved a bill today that would dramatically reduce penalties for Mary... Visit:
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http://www.painandthelaw.org/palliative/wiley_052803.php

New Maryland Gov. Supports Medical Marijuana | **JoinTogether.org** > **Maryland** Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. has vowed to sign legislation that would legalize the use of **marijuana** for **medical** reasons. ... The new Republican governor said he has long supported me ... visit:
<http://www.jointogether.org/sa/news/summaries/reader/0,1854,556209,00.html>

Newsbrief: Medical Marijuana -- Yes in Maryland, No in Connecticut. **Maryland** becomes the ninth state to protect its **medical marijuana** patients from jail and the second to act to do so through the legislative process. ... visit:
<http://www.stophedrugwar.org/chronicle/288/yesandno.shtml>

Maryland's Gov. Ehrlich Signs Medical Marijuana Bill. FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE. MAY 22, 2003. **Maryland's** Gov. Ehrlich Signs **Medical Marijuana** Bill. Republican Governor Defies White House. ANNAPOLIS, **MARYLAND** -- **Maryland** Gov. ... ANNAPOLIS, MARYLA... Visit:
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Maryland Senate Committee Medical Marijuana Hearing ... Senate Committee **Medical Marijuana** Hearing: February 26 at 1:00 p.m. ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND -- Sen ... joined by several speakers, including **medical marijuana** patients and a legal expert Visit: <http://www.mpp.org/releases/ma022503.html>

Maryland House Passes MPP Medical Marijuana Bill: Drugwar.com House of Representatives passed the **Marijuana** Policy Project's **medical marijuana** bill. And -- last night -- the **Maryland** House of Delegates followed suit by ... Visit: <http://www.drugwar.com/pmarylandmpp.shtm>

FOXNews.com - Politics - Maryland Governor Gets Medical Marijuana ... ANNAPOLIS - A **medical marijuana** bill that would minimize penalties for chronically ill patients caught using the illegal drug has made it to the Visit: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,82268,00.html>

Dennis Kucinich on Medical Marijuana ... support legalizing **medical marijuana**. Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Nevada, and ... cancer have discovered that **marijuana** reduces pain without the ... Visit: <http://www.kucinich.us/issues/medicalmarijuana.php>

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Legal and Political Issues. Alcohol-related legislative measures and political issues. Visit: <http://alcoholism.about.com/od/issues/index.htm>

At the Statehouse: Medical Marijuana Moving in Maryland and Vermont. Even as the DEA was raiding **medical marijuana** providers in California, the **medical marijuana** movement was threatening to spread to at least two more ... visit: <http://www.stophedrugwar.org/chronicle/225/mdvtmedmj.shtml>

SENATE BILL 502 Unofficial Copy 2003 Regular Session ... 3 FOR the purpose of establishing the **Medical Marijuana** Research Program in the ... 8. **Medical Marijuana** Research Program" 12. Annotated Code of Maryland. 13 ... visit: <http://mlis.state.md.us/pdf-documents/2003rs/bills/sb/sb0502t.pdf>

USATODAY.com - Attitudes ease toward medical marijuana. Despite efforts by the White House to crack down on marijuana, lawmakers in states across the nation have shown a willingness to separate **marijuana** from other banned drugs because of claims ... visit: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2003-05-22-marijuana-usat_x.htm

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