

Regulatory Authorities

In Maryland, the regulation and oversight of cannabis activities are divided between two main authorities:

The Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA) oversees the licensed cannabis market.



The Maryland Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission (ATCC) enforces the laws related to unlicensed cannabis activities.

Recent Developments



Pending Litigation: Maryland Hemp Coalition v. Wes Moore, et al.

- As of October 12, 2023, a Washington County Circuit Court Preliminary Injunction (Case No. C-21-CV-23-000348) halts certain cannabis reform provisions as applied to businesses operating lawfully before July 1, 2023.
- Please see ATCC Advisory 24-004 for further details. Up to date litigation information is available through the Maryland Judiciary Case Search.
- Please note, this **does NOT apply** to those who were not already lawfully selling hemp-derived products prior to July 1, 2023.



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ADVISORY 24-004 IS AVAILABLE ONLINE

If you would like to read the full advisory document, please scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/AD24004



Understanding Maryland's Cannabis Reform Act

Information & Training Advisory 24-004



ATCC

PRODUCT RESTRICTIONS

SELL RESPONSIBLY: NO LICENSE, NO THC SALES



Only businesses holding an **MCA cannabis license** can legally sell intoxicating cannabis/THC products in Maryland.



Unauthorized sales of intoxicating cannabis/THC products **can result in criminal charges and fines.**



APPROVED FOR SALE BY MCA LICENSE HOLDERS ONLY

The following products for human consumption can **ONLY** be sold by **MCA cannabis license holders**:

- ✓ Products containing more than **0.5 milligrams** of THC per serving OR **2.5 milligrams** of THC per package.
- ✓ Approved THC products include **Delta-8-THC, Delta-9-THC, or Delta-10-THC**, and any cannabinoids causing intoxication.

No MCA license needed to sell products LESS than .5 milligram of THC per serving and 2.5 milligrams of THC per package.



NOT ALLOWED

Products containing non-naturally occurring cannabinoids, such as K2 or THC-O-acetate, may not be lawfully sold in Maryland regardless of licensure.



EXEMPTIONS

Some hemp-derived products, like lotions and CBD-dominant edibles with trace amounts of THC can still be sold if they meet MCA testing and labeling standards.



COMPLIANCE

Businesses not holding an MCA cannabis license must remove prohibited products from their premises.

PENALTIES



\$5,000

Misdemeanor and up to \$5,000 fine for selling a product with a THC concentration higher than 0.5 mg per serving or 2.5 mg per package.



\$10,000

Misdemeanor and up to \$10,000 fine for selling any product that contains non-naturally occurring cannabinoids.



SALES TO MINORS IS ILLEGAL

No cannabis products are to be sold to minors under the age of 21. **No Exceptions.**

