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House Bill 427
Health

(Delegate Guzzone, *et al.*)

Finance

**Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances - Extension
and Membership**

This bill extends the Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances for an additional year and requires the task force to submit an updated report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 31, 2026. The bill also adds a representative of a historically Black college or university in the State to the task force. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2026, and the task force terminates December 31, 2027.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA) can continue to provide staff support to the task force with existing budgeted resources. Any expense reimbursements for members of the task force are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapters 792 and 793 of 2024 established the Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances, which is scheduled to terminate December 31, 2026. The task force must (1) study the use of natural psychedelic substances (including naturally derived psilocybin, psilocin, dimethyltryptamine, mescaline, and any other substance the task force determines to be a natural psychedelic

substance, but not including peyote); (2) make recommendations regarding any changes to State law, policy, and practices needed to create a Maryland Natural Psychedelic Substance Access Program; and (3) make recommendations to transition from criminalizing conduct involving natural psychedelic substances. The task force may consult with experts and stakeholders in conducting its duties. MCA is responsible for providing staff for the task force. In October 2025, the task force released a [report](#) of its findings and recommendations.

The task force consists of a member of the Senate; a member of the House of Delegates; the Secretaries of Health, Disabilities, and Veterans Affairs (or their designees); the Director of the MCA (or their designee); a representative of the University System of Maryland, the Johns Hopkins University Center for Psychedelic and Consciousness Research, or Sheppard Pratt; a representative of a Native American tribe with experience in the religious and spiritual use of psychedelic substances; eight individuals with specified expertise; a patient with conditions that can be treated with psychedelic substances; an individual with experience with the pharmacology of natural psychedelic substances; and a physician with experience with the appropriate use of psychedelic substances and other integrative medical practices.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: SB 336 (Senator Feldman) - Finance.

Information Source(s): Maryland Cannabis Administration; Maryland Department of Disabilities; Maryland Department of Health; Department of Veterans and Military Families; Department of Legislative Services

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