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AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 594
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after “of” insert “altering the ownership and control percentage requirement for a social equity applicant for a cannabis license;”; and after line 11, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 36–101(ff) and 36–903
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 22 on page 1 through line 4 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 7, insert:

“36–101.

(ff) “Social equity applicant” means an applicant for a cannabis license or cannabis registration that:

(1) has at least [65%] 55% ownership and control held by one or more individuals who:

(i) have lived in a disproportionately impacted area for at least 5 of the 10 years immediately preceding the submission of the application;

(ii) attended a public school in a disproportionately impacted area for at least 5 years; or

(iii) for at least 2 years, attended a 4-year institution of higher education in the State where at least 40% of the individuals who attend the institution of higher education are eligible for a Pell Grant; or

(2) meets any other criteria established by the Administration.”.