



## **Notification of Compliance Obligations Related to Reporting Legal Actions**

The Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA) is issuing this notification to all cannabis licensees to ensure licensees are aware of compliance obligations related to reporting legal actions and the means by which they can comply.

On May 1, 2023, the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission (MMCC, MCA's predecessor agency) adopted COMAR 10.62.08.14, 10.62.19.12 and 10.62.25.13 , which required growers, processors and dispensaries respectively to report to MMCC when they were involved in certain legal actions.

When MCA adopted its Emergency Regulations, which are currently in effect, it adopted COMAR 14.17.16.04, which is applicable to all cannabis licensees. This regulation is similar to the MMCC regulations and requires licensees and their managers to report certain legal actions in which the licensee is involved to MCA.

Legal Actions that must be reported to MCA are:

- The filing of any administrative, civil, or criminal action against the licensee
- The disposition of any administrative, civil, or criminal action filed against the licensee including a judgment, final order, consent order, or other negotiated resolution
- Bankruptcy filing, the entry of a court order for the placement into receivership, or the date of an assignment for the benefit of creditors.

The regulations require reporting for the licensee or manager but also for its parent, affiliates and subsidiary entities. The action must be reported regardless of whether it was filed in Maryland; legal actions commenced in other states, countries or in United States federal courts must be reported.

The report must be made no later than 14 days after receiving proper service or formal written notice of an administrative action.

To comply with this regulation, please submit a Notice of Legal Action to MCA using the form at this [link](#) or under 'Industry Licensees' at [cannabis.maryland.gov](http://cannabis.maryland.gov).