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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 8, 2016

TO: The Honorable Members of the Delaware General Assembly

**FROM: Robert D. Overmiller, Chairperson
GACEC**

RE: House Bill No. 400 (Medical Marijuana)

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed **House Bill No. 400** which would expand the scope of eligibility for access to medical marijuana to the following: 1) adults with a terminal illness (line 14); and 2) minors with a terminal illness accompanied by pain, anxiety, or depression (lines 26-31). Access by minors would be limited to oil-based products. Most recently, intractable epilepsy and dystonia were also added as qualifying conditions. See Senate Bill No. 90, enacted in 2015. Possession of marijuana was decriminalized in 2015, downgrading possession of an ounce from a criminal offense to a civil violation, similar to a traffic ticket. The bill provides a treatment option for individuals with terminal conditions; therefore, Council **endorses** the proposed legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our endorsement. Please feel free to contact me or Wendy Strauss at the GACEC office should you have any questions.