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As of July 1st, Maryland became the 21st state where recreational cannabis sales are legal. Anyone over 21 can purchase dried flower, pre-rolled joints, and vape cartridges containing THC and edibles. All it takes is a government-issued ID and a trip to a licensed dispensary. There are about 100 dispensaries across the state open for recreational sales. More are coming. Authorities are a bit concerned about safety on the road, and police have been trained to determine if a driver is under the influence of marijuana. And remember that Federal rules still apply!

While marijuana has been a factor in family law cases for decades, the legalization in states like Maryland will take away a parent's argument that the using parent is criminal. However, the courts may still consider a parent's use and possession of marijuana in custody cases. This would be similar to the court's consideration of a parent's use of alcohol. The court may look at things like the purpose a parent is using marijuana, the amount the parent is using, and the impact of the parent's use on the children.