

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 412.

This bill requires a pharmacy permit holder that mails or ships prescription drugs to patients in the State, including a nonresident pharmacy permit holder, to provide in each shipment of a prescription drug general written notice that alerts a consumer that a medication's effectiveness may be affected by exposure to extremes of heat, cold and humidity and a toll-free or local consumer access telephone number that a consumer may use during regular hours of operation to ask questions relating to medications. This bill applies to mail-order prescription drugs if the drugs are not personally hand delivered directly to a patient or the patient's agent at the residence of the patient or at another location designated by the patient.

House Bill 1062, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 28, 1998, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 412.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 412

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection - Drug Storage and Shipment Safety Act

FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt certain regulations concerning the delivery by certain means into the State of prescription drug orders to patients or their agents at certain places; requiring certain distribution permit holders to maintain adequate storage or shipment containers, including proper packaging materials, for certain purposes and requiring certain pharmacies for which a pharmacy permit has been issued~~ requiring pharmacy permit holders to place certain notices into certain shipments of prescription drugs; and generally relating to the ~~authority of the State Board of Pharmacy concerning the delivery and~~ delivery and shipment of certain drugs into the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section ~~12-602~~ 12-403(b)(15) and (16) and (f)(7) and (8)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations

Section 12-403(b)(17) and (f)(9)

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