

355. (Preparations Exempted). Except as otherwise in this sub-title specifically provided, this sub-title shall not apply to the following cases:

(1) Administering, dispensing, or selling at retail [of] any medicinal [preparations] *preparation* that contains in one fluid ounce, or if a solid or semi-solid [preparations] *preparation* in one avoirdupois ounce, not more than one grain of codeine or of any of its salts, *or not more than one-sixth grain of dihydrocodeinone or of any of its salts*, or not more than one-fourth grain of opium when contained in [Brown Mixture] *compound Opium and Glycyrrhiza Mixture* as defined in [United States Pharmacopeia or] *the National Formulary*.

(2) The exemptions authorized by this section shall be subject to the following conditions: (a) that the medicinal preparation administered, dispensed, or sold, shall contain, in addition to the narcotic drug in it, some drug or drugs conferring upon it medicinal qualities other than those possessed by the narcotic drug alone; and (b) that such preparation shall be administered, dispensed, and sold in good faith as a medicine, and not for the purpose of evading the provisions of this sub-title.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the quantity of codeine or of any of its salts that may be prescribed, administered, dispensed, or sold, to any person or for the use of any person or animal, when it is prescribed, administered, dispensed or sold in compliance with the general provisions of this sub-title.

~~Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1954.~~

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THIS ACT IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE AND NECESSARY FOR THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A YEA AND NAY VOTE, SUPPORTED BY THREE-FIFTHS OF ALL THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH OF THE TWO HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, THE SAME SHALL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF ITS PASSAGE.

Approved March 12, 1954.