

CHAPTER 277

(Senate Bill 281)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, sub-section (q) of Section 345 and Section 349 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Health-Narcotic Drugs", relating to the definition of an "Official Written Order".

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sub-section (q) of Section 345 and Section 349 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Health-Narcotic Drugs", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and all to read as follows:

345.

(q) "*Official Written Order*" means an order written on a form provided for that purpose by the United States Commissioner of Narcotics, under any laws of the United States making provision therefor, if such order forms are authorized and required by Federal Law, and if no such order form is provided, then on an official form **[provided]** *if authorized and required* for that purpose by the State Department of Health.

349. (1) A duly licensed manufacturer or wholesaler may sell and dispense narcotic drugs to any of the following persons but only on official written orders, *as defined in Section 345 (q) of this sub-section:*

(a) To a manufacturer, wholesaler, pharmacist or pharmacy owner.

(b) To a physician, dentist or veterinarian.

(c) To a person in charge of a hospital, but only for use by or in that hospital; provided, the official written order is signed by a physician, dentist, veterinarian or pharmacist connected with such hospital.

(d) To a person in charge of a laboratory but only for use in that laboratory for scientific and medicinal purposes.

(2) A duly licensed manufacturer or wholesaler may sell narcotic drugs to any of the following persons:

(a) On a special written order accompanied by a certificate of exemption, as required by the Federal narcotic laws, to a person in the employ of the United States Government, or of any State, territory, district, county, municipality or insular government, purchasing, receiving, possessing or dispensing narcotic drugs by reason of his official duties.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.