

## CHAPTER 390

(House Bill 371)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 266A (c) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1962 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Commissioners of Pharmacy"; providing additional grounds for the revocation or suspension of pharmacist's license by the Board of Pharmacy for certain acts herein declared to be grossly unprofessional conduct, and relating generally to the practice of pharmacy.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 266A (c) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1962 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Commissioners of Pharmacy," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

## 266A.

(c) The Board's power either to reprimand a pharmacist or assistant pharmacist or to suspend or revoke his license shall be for any of the following causes:

(1) Conviction of:

(i) A crime involving professional misconduct respecting the pharmacy drug laws.

(ii) A crime involving the State Uniform Narcotic Drug Act or the federal narcotic laws.

(iii) His addiction to the use of morphine, cocaine, or narcotics of any kind.

(iv) His knowingly, intentionally or fraudulently adulterating, or causing to be adulterated, drugs, chemicals or medicinal preparations.

(2) Procuring, or attempting to procure, registration in Maryland as a pharmacist for himself or another by knowingly making or causing to be made false representations to the Board.

(3) Adjudication as an incompetent under the provisions of Article 59 of this Code.

(4) **■**Paying rebates or entering into any agreement for payment of rebates to any physician, dentist or other person for the recommending of the services of any person.**■**

*Upon proof satisfactory to the Board of Pharmacy that a pharmacist or assistant pharmacist is guilty of grossly unprofessional conduct. The following acts on the part of a pharmacist or assistant pharmacist are hereby declared to constitute grossly unprofessional conduct:*

(i) *Paying rebates or entering into an agreement for payment of rebates to any physician, dentist or other person for the recommending of the services of any person.*

(ii) *The providing or causing to be provided to physician, dentist, veterinarian, or other medical practitioners, prescription blanks or*