

hereby added to Section 285(a) and (b) of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), (1971 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "I. Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Health-Controlled Dangerous Substances," and to read as follows:

285.

(a) Except when dispensed directly by a practitioner, other than a pharmacist, to an ultimate user, no controlled dangerous substance included in Schedule II, which is a prescription drug as determined under Article 43, may be dispensed without the written prescription of a practitioner: Provided, that in emergency situations, as prescribed by the Department by regulation, such drug may be dispensed upon oral prescription reduced promptly to writing and filed by the pharmacist, if such oral prescription is authorized by federal law. Prescriptions shall be retained in conformity with the requirements of Section 282 of this subheading, as amended from time to time. No prescription for a Schedule II substance may be refilled.

*(a-1) No practitioner shall dispense ~~Methadone~~ METHADONE, directly or by prescription, unless he is associated with a controlled drug therapy program sanctioned by the Drug Abuse Administration of the Department, or unless an emergency OR MEDICAL situation, as prescribed by the Department by regulation, IN COOPERATION WITH THE MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL FACULTY OF MARYLAND, exists.*

*(a-2) No practitioner shall dispense Methamphetamine, directly or by prescription, except in recognized cases of medical need, as prescribed by the Department by regulation IN COOPERATION WITH THE MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL FACULTY OF MARYLAND.*

(b) Except when dispensed directly by a practitioner, other than a pharmacist, to an ultimate user, no controlled dangerous substance included in Schedule III or IV which is a prescription drug as determined under Article 43, may be dispensed without a written or oral prescription. Such prescription may not be filled or refilled more than six months after the date thereof or be refilled more than five times after the date of the prescription, unless renewed by the practitioner.

*(b-1) No practitioner shall dispense Amphetamine, directly or by prescription, except in recognized cases of medical need, as prescribed by the Department by regulation IN COOPERATION WITH THE MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL FACULTY OF MARYLAND.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.*

Approved May 26, 1972.

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CHAPTER 488

(House Bill 109)

AN ACT to add new Section 254B to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle