

by the latest edition of the United States Pharmacopoeia, or prepared according to the private formula of some individual or firm, other or different from the prescription drug, controlled dangerous substances, medicine, chemical or preparation, ordered or called for by such person, or called for in a physician's OR OTHER AUTHORIZED PRESCRIBERS' prescription, EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 273A OF ARTICLE 43, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than [one hundred dollars] \$100 nor more than [five hundred dollars] \$500, or by not less than one month nor more than [twelve] 12 months' imprisonment, or by both, and any person so convicted shall forfeit the right to practice pharmacy under any certificate or registration issued under the laws of this State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 42(a), 254A, 273A(b) and 273A(c) of Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

42.

(a) The State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene shall (1) administer a program of comprehensive medical and other care in the State of Maryland for indigent and medically indigent persons, or either of [such] THOSE classes; for this purpose the Board of Health and Mental Hygiene is hereby authorized to contract with insurance companies, nonprofit health service plans, or with individuals, associations, partnerships, incorporated or unincorporated groups of physicians, dentists, podiatrists, optometrists (as defined in § 372 of this article), pharmacists, hospitals, nursing homes, nurses, opticians, and other health practitioners duly licensed or certified in this State who perform services upon the prescription or referral of a physician, for the provision of care for eligible persons; contracts entered into by the Board shall be for a one-year period and may be renewed; within the provisions of the budget the said Board is hereby authorized to provide bedside nursing care for eligible persons. (2) The Board of Health and Mental Hygiene shall conduct and operate [such] hospitals [as may be] established by law and placed under the jurisdiction of the [said] Board of Health and Mental Hygiene for the care of persons suffering from chronic diseases.