- (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] THE HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL ARTICLE, 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 filled by the pharmacist, if such oral prescription is authorized by federal law. Prescriptions shall be retained in conformity with the requirements of § 282 of this subheading, as amended from time to time. No prescription for a Schedule II substance may be refilled.
- (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] THE HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL ARTICLE, 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.

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- (b) Any person who violates any of the provisions of subsection (a) with respect to:
- (1) A substance classified in Schedules I or II which is a narcotic drug is guilty of a felony and is subject to imprisonment for not more than 20 years, or a fine of not more than \$25,000, or both. This subsection does not prevent, prohibit or make ineligible any convicted defendant from participating in the rehabilitation program under [Article 43B, §§ 12 and 13] TITLE 9, SUBTITLE 6 OF THE HEALTH GENERAL ARTICLE, because of the length of sentence.

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No person or persons, firm, company or corporation, shall advertise or permit to be advertised, or in any manner whatsoever call public attention to, any drug, medicine, preparation or substance for the treatment, alleviation or cure of gonorrhea, syphilis, chancroid or any other venereal disease or of any diseased condition of the human genitalia caused by, related to, or resulting from the aforesaid venereal diseases, or to any person from whom, or to any place at which, such drug, medicine, preparation or substance may be obtained, except that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any health department or other governmental agency, or to any health or medical agency approved under this section by the [State Board of Health] SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, or to