

~~(J)~~ (I) "PRESCRIBER" MEANS A LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL WHO IS AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO PRESCRIBE A MONITORED PRESCRIPTION DRUG.

~~(K)~~ (J) "PRESCRIPTION DRUG" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 21-201 OF THIS TITLE.

~~(L)~~ (K) "PRESCRIPTION MONITORING DATA" MEANS THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE PROGRAM.

~~(M)~~ (L) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

~~(N)~~ (M) "SCHEDULE II" MEANS THE LIST OF CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES SET FORTH IN § 5-403 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

~~(O)~~ (N) "SCHEDULE III" MEANS THE LIST OF CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES SET FORTH IN § 5-404 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

~~(P)~~ (O) "SCHEDULE IV" MEANS THE LIST OF CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES SET FORTH IN § 5-405 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

~~(Q)~~ (P) "STATE OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY" MEANS:

- (1) A STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY;
- (2) A SHERIFF'S OFFICE;
- (3) A STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE; OR
- (4) THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD, A PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM THAT ELECTRONICALLY COLLECTS AND STORES DATA CONCERNING MONITORED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

(B) THE SECRETARY MAY:

- (1) ASSIGN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM TO ANY UNIT IN THE DEPARTMENT; AND
- (2) CONTRACT WITH ANY QUALIFIED PERSON AS THE SECRETARY DEEMS NECESSARY FOR THE EFFICIENT AND ECONOMICAL OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM.

(C) THE SECRETARY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD, SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE SECRETARY SHALL:

(1) ASSIST HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS IN:

(I) THE IDENTIFICATION, TREATMENT, AND PREVENTION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE; AND