

2005 but before July 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 1 month, and at the end of June 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved April 26, 2005.

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**CHAPTER 196**

**(House Bill 143)**

AN ACT concerning

**Education - Public Schools - Use of Asthma Drugs and Related Medication**

FOR the purpose of requiring public school systems to adopt a policy authorizing a student to possess and self-administer certain medication pertaining to the student's asthma or other airway-constricting disease while in school, at school-sponsored activities, or on school property under certain circumstances; requiring certain written ~~approvals orders~~ and verification before a student can self-administer medication; requiring the school nurse to conduct a certain ~~review~~ assessment; authorizing certain disciplinary action under certain circumstances; requiring the State ~~Board~~ Department of Education to ~~adopt certain regulations~~ provide certain State guidelines; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the use of asthma drugs and related medication by students in public schools.

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 7-421

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Education**

7-421.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "HEALTH PRACTITIONER" MEANS A PHYSICIAN OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO PRESCRIBE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS OR DEVICES.

(3) "MEDICATION" MEANS AN ASTHMA INHALER OR OTHER EMERGENCY DRUG THAT IS DISPENSED FOR A STUDENT ONLY ON THE PRESCRIPTION OF A HEALTH PRACTITIONER AND PERTAINS TO THE STUDENT'S ASTHMA OR OTHER AIRWAY-CONSTRICTING DISEASE.