

STATE ~~RESPOND~~ SUBMIT AN ACCEPTABLE RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) BEFORE OFFERING A DEGREE PROGRAM THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, AN OUT-OF-STATE SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION SHALL SEEK THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION UNDER TITLE 11, SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(D) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved April 12, 2005.

CHAPTER 43

(House Bill 233)

AN ACT concerning

Public Health - Legibility of Prescriptions Workgroup - Reports

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and a certain workgroup studying the legibility of prescriptions to submit an interim report on or before a certain date and a final report on or before a certain date; and generally relating to a study and report on the legibility of prescriptions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 503 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2004
Section 2

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

Chapter 503 of the Acts of 2004

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, in conjunction with the Maryland Health Care Commission, the Board of Physicians, and the Board of Pharmacy, shall convene a workgroup of authorized prescribers, including physicians, dentists, podiatrists, and nurses; pharmacists; hospitals; long-term care facilities; and local health departments to study the issue of legibility of prescriptions and make recommendations for any statutory or regulatory changes needed to improve prescription legibility in order to enhance patient safety.

(b) The study shall include:

(1) The appropriate content and format of a prescription;