

FOR the purpose of requiring a licensed pharmacist to submit to the State Board of Pharmacy certain evidence of compliance with continuing education requirements before renewal of a license; prohibiting the Board from renewing a pharmacist's license and issuing a certificate of renewal if certain conditions are not met; providing certain exceptions; allowing the Board to evaluate and approve programs of continuing pharmaceutical education; specifying the form and content of the continuing pharmaceutical education programs; requiring certain standards for the programs; providing for the approval of certain continuing pharmaceutical education programs; providing for evidence of completion of the program; allowing the Board to adopt regulations to carry out this Act; and generally relating to continuing pharmaceutical education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations
Section 12-308
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Volume and 1984 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations
Section 12-308.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Volume and 1984 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes that the health and welfare of the citizens of this State depend to a great extent upon the skill and knowledge of licensed pharmacists; and

WHEREAS, To advance the state of professional and scientific knowledge and to assure the continuing competency of licensed pharmacists, the General Assembly recognizes the need for continuing education in all aspects of the professional practice of pharmacy; now, therefore,

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

Article - Health Occupations

12-308.

(a) Unless a license is renewed for a 2-year term as provided in this section, the license expires on the first September 30 that comes after the effective date of the license.