

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1299.

This bill requires a licensed dentist, physician, or podiatrist to have a written permit to dispense prescription drugs except for starter dosage.

Senate Bill 732, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 25, 1989, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1299.

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

House Bill No. 1299

AN ACT concerning

Dentists, Physicians, and Podiatrists - Dispensing  
of Prescription Drugs

FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law relating to the dispensing of prescription drugs by dentists, physicians, and podiatrists; requiring certain dentists, physicians, and podiatrists to allow the Division of Drug Control to enter and inspect their offices at certain times; requiring certain dentists, physicians, and podiatrists to provide certain patients with a written prescription under certain circumstances and maintain certain files; prohibiting certain dentists, physicians, and podiatrists from directing patients to a single pharmacy and receiving remuneration for referring patients to a pharmacy; authorizing certain Boards to take certain disciplinary actions under certain circumstances; altering certain provisions of law relating to the dispensing of starter dosages of prescription drugs; altering a certain definition; repealing an exception to certain labeling requirements for starter dosages of medication dispensed by an authorized prescriber; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the dispensing of prescription drugs by certain dentists, physicians, and podiatrists.