

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~July 1, 1993~~ October 1, 1993 and shall apply to all distributorships in existence on or after October 1, 1993.

Approved May 27, 1993.

CHAPTER 454

(Senate Bill 513)

AN ACT concerning

Nurse Practitioners – Authority to Prepare and Dispense Prescription Drugs

FOR the purpose of authorizing nurse practitioners to personally prepare and dispense starter dosages of drugs and to personally prepare and dispense drugs at certain medical facilities under certain circumstances; requiring a nurse practitioner who personally prepares and dispenses a drug under certain circumstances to comply with certain requirements; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the authority of nurse practitioners to personally prepare and dispense prescription drugs under certain circumstances.

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 8-508

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

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

Article – Health Occupations

8-508.

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

(2) "NURSE PRACTITIONER" MEANS A REGISTERED NURSE WHO IS:

(I) CERTIFIED AS A NURSE PRACTITIONER; AND

(II) AUTHORIZED TO PRESCRIBE DRUGS UNDER REGULATIONS JOINTLY ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING AND THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN QUALITY ASSURANCE.

(3) "STARTER DOSAGE" MEANS AN AMOUNT OF DRUG SUFFICIENT TO BEGIN THERAPY:

(I) OF SHORT DURATION OF 72 HOURS OR LESS; OR