

(2) A LICENSE MAY NOT BE RENEWED FOR A TERM LONGER THAN 2 YEARS.

(b) At least 1 month before the license expires, the Board shall send to the licensee, by first-class mail to the last known address of the licensee, a renewal notice that states:

- (1) The date on which the current license expires;
- (2) The date by which the renewal application must be received by the Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and
- (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

(c) Before the license expires, the licensee periodically may renew it for an additional [2-year] term SET BY THE BOARD IN ITS REGULATIONS, if the licensee:

- (1) Otherwise is entitled to be licensed;
- (2) Pays to the Board a renewal fee set by the Board; and
- (3) Submits to the Board:
 - (i) A renewal application on the form that the Board requires; and
 - (ii) Satisfactory evidence of compliance with the continuing education requirements set under this subtitle for license renewal.

(d) The Board shall renew the license of and issue a renewal certificate to each licensee who meets the requirements of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of Pharmacy shall adopt and publish regulations to govern the transition to the new expiration date for licenses to be set by the Board. These regulations shall provide for continuing education requirements and the assessment of license renewal fees that take into account the period between the former expiration date of September 30 and the new expiration date to be set by the Board. The license renewal fees and continuing education requirements shall be consistent with the fee schedules and continuing education requirements for license renewal as otherwise provided under the Maryland Pharmacy Act and the regulations of the Board.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

May 23, 1996

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Speaker: