

(3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(5) To the extent practicable, the Governor shall fill any vacancy on the Board within 60 days of the date of the vacancy.

(6) A member may not serve more than 2 consecutive full terms.

(g). (1) The Governor may remove a member for incompetence or misconduct.

(2) Upon the recommendation of the Secretary, the Governor may remove a member whom the Secretary finds to have been absent from 2 successive Board meetings without adequate reason.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That nothing in this Act may be construed to affect the term of any member of the State Board of Pharmacy who is serving on the Board on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor, in making the four initial professional member appointments to the State Board of Pharmacy authorized under § 12-202(a) of the Health Occupations Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, may stagger those appointments and determine the associational groups from which those appointments are to be made.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

May 22, 1997

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 728.

This bill prohibits a licensed cigarette manufacturer, or person connected with the business of a licensed manufacturer or related by ownership, from simultaneously holding a financial interest in a wholesaler license or in any wholesaler's business. The bill also prohibits a licensed cigarette wholesaler, or person connected with the business of a licensed wholesaler or related by ownership, from simultaneously holding a financial interest in a manufacturer license or in any manufacturer's business.

House Bill 1006, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on this date, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 728.