

(b) (1) The Charles County Commissioners shall provide that the Director of the Charles County Health Department and the Office of the Sheriff for Charles County has the authority to carry out the provisions of the ordinances or regulations adopted under subsection (a) of this section.

(2) THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL PROVIDE THAT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER AND THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

Approved May 13, 2003. .

CHAPTER 318

(House Bill 684)

AN ACT concerning

Pharmacists ~~and Pharmacies~~ - Practice - ~~Advice of~~ Information on Generic Drug Option

FOR the purpose of requiring ~~an employee of a pharmacy or a pharmacist, or the pharmacist's designee, who is under the direct supervision of the pharmacist,~~ to advise inform retail consumers of generically equivalent drugs; requiring an employee of a pharmacy or a pharmacist to advise inform retail consumers of the approximate cost difference of generically equivalent drugs as compared to brand name drugs; requiring the Board to adopt procedures to assure compliance with this Act; providing for certain exceptions to the requirements of this Act; and generally relating to providing information on generic drug options.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 12-504

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

Article - Health Occupations

12-504.

(a) In this section, "brand name" means the proprietary name a manufacturer places on a drug or device product or its container.