

CHAPTER 149

(House Bill 119)

AN ACT concerning

Pharmacies – Reference Libraries

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that pharmacies have certain specified reference materials; requiring pharmacies to keep certain reference libraries; requiring the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the reference libraries required to be kept at certain pharmacies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 12-504

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume)

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 each pharmacy there shall be kept at all times [the most recent revision of the United States Pharmacopoeia and National Formulary and its current supplements] A CURRENT REFERENCE LIBRARY THAT IS APPROPRIATE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF:

- (1) THE PRACTICE SPECIALTY OF THAT PHARMACY; AND
- (2) THE CONSUMERS THE PHARMACY SERVES.

(B) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING THE TYPES OF TEXTS REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARIES IN EACH OF THE VARIOUS PRACTICE SPECIALTY PHARMACIES.

[(b)] (C) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 12-411 of this title, if a pharmacy is operated in violation of this section, the Board may suspend the applicable pharmacy permit until the pharmacy complies with this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

Approved April 30, 1991.