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By: **Senator Beidle**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Pharmacy – Renewal Notices – Electronic Means**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Pharmacy to send renewal notices to
4 licensees, permit holders, and registrants by electronic means, rather than
5 first-class mail, unless the licensee, permit holder, or registrant requests to receive
6 the renewal notice by first-class mail; and generally relating to renewal notices sent
7 by the State Board of Pharmacy.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Health Occupations
10 Section 12–308(a), 12–407(a), 12–6B–07(a), and 12–6C–06(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Health Occupations
15 Section 12–308(b), 12–407(b), 12–6B–07(b), 12–6C–06(b)(1) through (3), and
16 12–6D–09
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Health Occupations**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 12-308.

2 (a) (1) A license expires on the date set by the Board unless it is renewed for
3 an additional term as provided in this section.

4 (2) A license may not be renewed for a term longer than 2 years.

5 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Board shall
6 send to each licensee, at least 1 month before a license expires, a renewal notice by
7 [first-class mail] **ELECTRONIC MEANS** to the last known **E-MAIL** address of the licensee.

8 (2) If requested by a licensee, the Board shall send to the licensee[, at least
9 two times within the month before a license expires,] a renewal notice by [electronic means]
10 **FIRST-CLASS MAIL** to the last known [electronic] address of the licensee.

11 (3) If a renewal notice sent by electronic means under paragraph [(2)] **(1)**
12 of this subsection is returned to the Board as undeliverable, the Board shall send to the
13 licensee a renewal notice by first-class mail to the last known address of the licensee.

14 (4) A renewal notice sent under this subsection shall state:

15 (i) The date on which the current license expires;

16 (ii) The date by which the renewal application must be received by
17 the Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and

18 (iii) The amount of the renewal fee.

19 12-407.

20 (a) A pharmacy permit expires on the May 31 after its effective date, unless the
21 pharmacy permit is renewed for a 2-year term as provided in this section.

22 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, on or before
23 March 1 of the year the permit expires, the Board shall send to each pharmacy permit
24 holder a renewal notice for each pharmacy permit by [first-class mail] **ELECTRONIC**
25 **MEANS** to the last known **E-MAIL** address of the pharmacy permit holder.

26 (2) If requested by a pharmacy permit holder, the Board shall send to the
27 pharmacy permit holder[, at least two times within the month before a pharmacy permit
28 expires,] a renewal notice for each pharmacy permit by [electronic means] **FIRST-CLASS**
29 **MAIL** to the last known [electronic] address of the pharmacy permit holder.

30 (3) If a renewal notice sent by electronic means under paragraph [(2)] **(1)**
31 of this subsection is returned to the Board as undeliverable, the Board shall send to the

1 pharmacy permit holder a renewal notice for each pharmacy permit by first-class mail to
2 the last known address of the pharmacy permit holder.

3 (4) A renewal notice sent under this subsection shall state:

4 (i) The date on which the current pharmacy permit expires;

5 (ii) The date by which the renewal application must be received by
6 the Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the pharmacy permit expires; and

7 (iii) The amount of the renewal fee.

8 12-6B-07.

9 (a) (1) Unless the registration is renewed for an additional term as provided
10 in this section, registration expires on the date set by the Board.

11 (2) The ability of a registered pharmacy technician to function as a
12 pharmacy technician terminates on the date of expiration of the pharmacy technician's
13 registration unless renewed.

14 (3) Registration may not be renewed for a term longer than 2 years.

15 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Board shall
16 send to each registered pharmacy technician, at least 1 month before a registration expires,
17 a renewal notice by [first-class mail] **ELECTRONIC MEANS** to the last known **E-MAIL**
18 address of the registered pharmacy technician.

19 (2) If requested by a registered pharmacy technician, the Board shall send
20 to the registered pharmacy technician[, at least two times within the month before a
21 pharmacy technician registration expires,] a renewal notice by [electronic means]
22 **FIRST-CLASS MAIL** to the last known [electronic] address of the registered pharmacy
23 technician.

24 (3) If a renewal notice sent by electronic means under paragraph [(2)] **(1)**
25 of this subsection is returned to the Board as undeliverable, the Board shall send the
26 registered pharmacy technician a renewal notice by first-class mail to the last known
27 address of the registered pharmacy technician.

28 (4) A renewal notice sent under this subsection shall state:

29 (i) The date on which the current registration expires;

30 (ii) The date by which the renewal application must be received by
31 the Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the registration expires; and

32 (iii) The amount of the renewal fee.

1 12-6C-06.

2 (a) A wholesale distributor permit expires on May 31 after its effective date,
3 unless the wholesale distributor permit is renewed for an additional 2-year term as
4 provided in this section.

5 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, at least 1 month
6 before a wholesale distributor permit expires, the Board shall send to the wholesale
7 distributor permit holder a renewal notice by [first-class mail] **ELECTRONIC MEANS** to
8 the last known **E-MAIL** address of the permit holder.

9 (2) If requested by a wholesale distributor permit holder, the Board shall
10 send to the permit holder[, at least two times within the month before a wholesale
11 distributor permit expires,] a renewal notice by [electronic means] **FIRST-CLASS MAIL** to
12 the last known [electronic] address of the permit holder.

13 (3) If a renewal notice sent by electronic means under paragraph [(2)] **(1)**
14 of this subsection is returned to the Board as undeliverable, the Board shall send to the
15 wholesale distributor permit holder a renewal notice by first-class mail to the last known
16 address of the permit holder.

17 12-6D-09.

18 (a) (1) Registration expires on the date set by the Board.

19 (2) Registration is valid for up to 2 years from the date of issue.

20 (b) (1) A registered pharmacy intern who qualified for registration under §
21 12-6D-03(a)(1) and (2) of this subtitle may renew the registration one time if the registered
22 pharmacy intern [is]:

23 (i) Otherwise **IS** entitled to be registered as a pharmacy intern;

24 (ii) Submits to the Board a renewal application on the form that the
25 Board requires; and

26 (iii) Pays to the Board a renewal fee set by the Board.

27 (2) A registered pharmacy intern who qualified for registration under §
28 12-6D-03(a)(3) and (4) of this subtitle may not renew the registration.

29 (c) The registration of a pharmacy intern registered under this subtitle expires
30 and may not be renewed on the date that the registered pharmacy intern becomes a licensed
31 pharmacist.

(d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Board shall send to each registered pharmacy intern, at least 1 month before a registration expires, a renewal notice by ~~[first-class mail]~~ **ELECTRONIC MEANS** to the last known **E-MAIL** address of the registered pharmacy intern.

(2) If requested by a registered pharmacy intern, the Board shall send to the registered pharmacy intern[, at least two times within the month before a pharmacy intern registration expires,] a renewal notice by ~~[electronic means]~~ **FIRST-CLASS MAIL** to the last known ~~[electronic]~~ address of the registered pharmacy intern.

(3) If a renewal notice sent by electronic means under paragraph ~~[(2)]~~ **(1)** of this subsection is returned to the Board as undeliverable, the Board shall send the registered pharmacy intern a renewal notice by first-class mail to the last known address of the registered pharmacy intern.

(4) A renewal notice sent under this subsection shall state:

(i) The date on which the current registration expires;

(ii) The date by which the renewal application shall be received by the Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the registration expires; and

(iii) The amount of the renewal fee.

(e) The Board shall renew the registration of each pharmacy intern who meets the requirements of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.