Chapter 184

(Senate Bill 139)

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Practitioners – Prescription Drug or Device Dispensing – Medical Facilities or Clinics That Specialize in Treatment Reimbursable Through Workers' Compensation Insurance

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain exception from the requirement that an individual be licensed by the Board of Pharmacy before the individual may practice pharmacy in the State; requiring a dentist, physician, or podiatrist who dispenses a prescription drug or device in the course of treating a patient at a medical facility or clinic that specializes in the treatment of medical cases reimbursable through workers' compensation insurance to obtain a dispensing permit and meet certain other requirements; and generally relating to dispensing of prescription drugs or devices by dentists, physicians, or podiatrists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 12–102(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

Article - Health Occupations

12 - 102.

- (g) This title does not prohibit a dentist, physician, or podiatrist from dispensing a prescription drug or device in the course of treating a patient:
- (1) [At a medical facility or clinic that specializes in the treatment of medical cases reimbursable through workers' compensation insurance;
 - (2)] At a medical facility or clinic that is operated on a nonprofit basis;
- [(3)] (2) At a health center that operates on a campus of an institution of higher education; or

[(4)] (3) At a public health facility, a medical facility under contract with a State or local health department, or a facility funded with public funds.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2013.