

HOUSE BILL 596

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By: **Delegates Morhaim and Elliott**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2014

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Pharmacy – Wholesale Distributors – Notification to**
3 **Pharmacy**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a wholesale distributor to notify a pharmacy within a
5 certain time period before the wholesale distributor imposes a limit on the
6 quantity of a prescription drug or prescription device distributed to the
7 pharmacy; requiring a wholesale distributor, while a limit is in effect, to provide
8 a pharmacy with a certain update with a certain frequency; and generally
9 relating to wholesale distributors and notification to a pharmacy.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health Occupations

12 Section 12–6C–09(f)

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Health Occupations**

18 12–6C–09.

19 **(F) A WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTOR SHALL:**

20 **(1) NOTIFY A PHARMACY AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE**
21 **WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTOR IMPOSES A LIMIT ON THE QUANTITY OF A**
22 **PRESCRIPTION DRUG OR PRESCRIPTION DEVICE DISTRIBUTED TO THE**
23 **PHARMACY; AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) WHILE A LIMIT IS IN EFFECT, PROVIDE A PHARMACY WITH AN**
2 **UPDATE, AT LEAST WEEKLY, ON THE QUANTITY OF A PRESCRIPTION DRUG OR**
3 **PRESCRIPTION DEVICE AVAILABLE TO THE PHARMACY.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2014.