

HOUSE BILL 1639

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Rx Program – Pharmacy Benefits Managers – Contracts With**
3 **Pharmacies and Pharmacists**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department of Budget and Management from
5 contracting with a pharmacy benefits manager under certain circumstances; and
6 generally relating to pharmacy benefits managers and the Maryland Rx Program.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – State Personnel and Pensions
9 Section 2–502.1(h)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – State Personnel and Pensions
14 Section 2–502.1(h)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

20 2–502.1.

21 **(H) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT CONTRACT WITH A PHARMACY BENEFITS**
22 **MANAGER IF:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) THE PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER HAS AN OWNERSHIP**
2 **INTEREST, INCLUDING EQUITY, DEBT, OR ANY OTHER MEANS OF FINANCIAL**
3 **INTEREST, IN A PHARMACY OR PHARMACIST; OR**

4 **(2) THE PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER AND A PHARMACY OR**
5 **PHARMACIST ARE BOTH ASSETS OF THE SAME CORPORATION.**

6 **[(h)] (I)** The Department shall adopt regulations to implement this section.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2018.