



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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The Honorable Luke Clippinger, Chairman  
House Judiciary Committee  
Room 101, House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

**RE: House Bill 674 - Controlled Dangerous Substances – Schedules – Letter of Support**

Dear Chairman Clippinger and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (Department) submits this letter of support for House Bill 674 - Controlled Dangerous Substances – Schedules. This bill will update the State list of controlled dangerous substances (CDS) to align Maryland law with federal changes to the federal Controlled Dangerous Substances Schedules list.

The Criminal Law Article of the Maryland Annotated Code lists the names of all drugs that have a high risk of abuse and are deemed controlled dangerous substances (CDS). The Office of Controlled Substances Administration (OCSA) is mandated to ensure all drugs listed in Criminal Law Title V match the federal list maintained by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

The State CDS list was last updated when Senate Bill 87 - Controlled Dangerous Substances - Registration, Schedules, Penalties, and Orders of Impoundment - was passed during the 2018 legislative session.

If you have additional questions, please contact Director of Governmental Affairs Webster Ye at (410) 260-3190 or [webster.ye@maryland.gov](mailto:webster.ye@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

Robert R. Neall  
Secretary