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MARYLAND BOARD OF PHARMACY
POSITION PAPER**

BILL NO: HB 1310 – Prescription Drug Repository Program – Out-of-State Pharmacies
COMMITTEE: Finance Committee
POSITION: Opposition

TITLE: Prescription Drug Repository Program – Out-of-State Pharmacies

The State Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) respectfully submits this opposition for House Bill 1310 – Prescription Drug Repository Program - Out-of-State Pharmacies (“HB 1310”). Although the purpose of the bill is well-intended, the Board is extremely concerned about the use of expired medications.

The primary goal of the Board of Pharmacy is to ensure the safety of the people of Maryland. The distribution of expired medications exposes patients to a gravely detrimental risk. This is a safety risk that the Board is not willing to take regardless of the safeguards a company can self-attest to. With public safety being the number one goal, the Board feels very strongly about prohibiting the use of expired medications.

The Board also feels very strongly about changing the concept of the repository program. The repository program was designed to serve poor residents throughout the State of Maryland. The Board remains extremely concerned that allowing out-of-state repositories to dispense to non-eligible patients directly conflicts with the stated purpose of the State’s repository program. Given the current economic conditions, the language in this bill would place Furthermore, since such dispensing would be solely “as determined by the repository”, it would allow for a substantial opportunity for abuse at the expense of eligible Maryland patients.

Therefore, the Board would urge the Committee to submit an unfavorable report for HB1310. For more information, please contact Julie Gaskins, Legislative Liaison, at 410-764-4709 or julie.gaskins2@maryland.gov, or Deena Speights-Napata, MA, Executive Director, Maryland Board of Pharmacy at (410) 764-4753 or deena.speights-napata@maryland.gov.

