

SB371 State Board of Pharmacy Renewal Notices EI

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TO: The Honorable Pamela Beidle, Chair
Senate Finance Committee

SB371
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FROM: Brandon Floyd
Associate Director, Maryland Government Affairs

DATE: February 4, 2025

RE: SB371 State Board of Pharmacy – Renewal Notices – Electronic Means

Johns Hopkins supports **SB371** State Board of Pharmacy – Renewal Notices – Electronic Means. This bill requires the Maryland State Board of Pharmacy to send renewal notices electronically unless a recipient requests the renewal notice to be sent via first-class mail. Easing the process for both the Board and pharmacists across the State.

The current process for licensure renewal requires the Maryland State Board of Pharmacy to send renewal licenses to pharmacists through postal mail. As written, this bill will shift the renewal process from postal mail to an email notification. We support this change as it simplifies the licensure renewal process for pharmacists.

Historically, pharmacists receive notification for licensure renewal bi-annually during the pharmacist's birth month. The proposed legislation maintains the same cadence for renewing one's license while improving efficiency through a more streamlined process.

Finally, an email notification system will reduce administrative burden for the State, which would likely reduce state expenses that would otherwise be used to purchase paper, envelopes, and postage stamps required for postal mail.

This bill is a reasonable way to help both pharmacists and the State.

Accordingly, Johns Hopkins respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE** committee report on **SB371**.

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January 30, 2024

The Honorable Pamela Beidle
Chair, Finance Committee
3E Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: SB 371 – State Board of Pharmacy – Renewal Notices – Electronic Means
Letter of Support**

Dear Chair Beidle and Committee Members:

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) respectfully submits this letter of support for Senate Bill (“SB”) 371 titled “State Board of Pharmacy – Renewal Notices – Electronic Means.” SB 371 is designed to streamline the renewal process and make the licensing process more efficient.

The mission of the Board is to protect Maryland consumers and to promote quality health care in the field of pharmacy, through licensing pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, pharmacy interns, pharmacies, and wholesale distributors; setting the standards for the practice of pharmacy through regulations and legislation; receiving and resolving complaints and educating consumers.

Allowing the board to issue the notices of licensure renewal electronically would alleviate the administrative burden and costs to the Board associated with printing and mailing notices to its licensees. In addition, this will permit licensees to receive notice of their upcoming renewal quicker and more efficiently. Please note that the bill provides licensees with the option to opt out of the electronic notice of renewal process. Further, should the board receive a notification that the licensee’s email address is incorrect, the renewal notice will be mailed to the licensee’s current address of record via first-class mail.

The Board will disseminate information regarding the electronic renewal notices to licensees and the general public via three (3) platforms: website, email blasts, and the Board’s newsletter to ensure that licensees and the general public are educated about the new electronic renewal notice procedure. Licensees will also be provided with instructions as to how to opt out of the electronic notice process, if desired.

The Board proudly serves the citizens of Maryland and enthusiastically supports SB 371 and urge a favorable report on this bill.

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Sincerely,

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