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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: Letter of Support with Amendments

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

The State Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) respectfully submits this Letter of Support with Proposed Amendments 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 safe delivery of pharmaceutical services to the people of Maryland. While the Board supports the amendments submitted by Delegate Bhandari as drafted, it received a request for a further amendment to allow a repository to accept donated drugs with less than a 90-day expiration date in order to increase access to drugs in high demand. The Board supports such an amendment provided that there is assurance that any donated drug that is re-dispensed bears an expiration date that fully covers the days supply prescribed. In other words, a repository may only dispense donated drugs, including drugs that are short-dated, provided that the drugs bear an expiration date that covers the entire course of the prescription.

The proposed amendment should read as follows:

“(c) The Program may not accept prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, or medical supplies for dispensing that:

(1) (i) Bear an expiration date that is less than 90 days from the date the drug is donated UNLESS THE DRUG IS IN HIGH DEMAND; AND

(ii) NOTWITHSTANDING (C)(1)(I), A REPOSITORY MAY NOT DISPENSE ANY DONATED DRUG THAT DOES NOT BEAR AN EXPIRATION DATE THAT COVERS THE FULL DAYS SUPPLY PRESCRIBED.”

Therefore, the Board would urge the Committee to submit a favorable report for HB1310 with amendments. 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.