

TO: The Honorable Joseline Pena-Melnyk, Chair
Health and Government Operations

HB565
Favorable

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RE: HB565 State Board of Pharmacy – Renewal Notices – Electronic Means

Johns Hopkins supports **HB565** 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.

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, pharmacist's 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 and cut state expenses that would otherwise be used to purchase paper, envelopes, and postage stamps required for postal mail.

Accordingly, Johns Hopkins respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE** committee report on **HB565**.