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**Testimony**

**HB565 State Board of Pharmacy - Renewal Notices - Electronic Means**

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**What This Bill Does**

**HB565** allows the Maryland Board of Pharmacy to issue licensure notices electronically, ultimately streamlining the pharmaceutical renewal process and making the licensing process more efficient.

**Why We Need This Bill**

Currently, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, pharmacy interns, pharmacies and wholesale distributors, all who must be licensed, receive their licensing information and renewal status by mail. This bill allows the board to issue licensure renewal notices electronically. This change would reduce costs associated with printing and mailing notices to licensees and eliminate the administrative burden. It will also permit licensees to receive notice of necessary upcoming renewals faster and more efficiently. However, licensees will always have the option to opt out of the electronic renewal process and receive their notifications via regular mail or if an email is undeliverable.

**I respectfully ask the Committee for a favorable vote on HB565.**