

# HOUSE BILL 1121

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Opioids and Opioid Overdose Reversal Drugs – Information**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a licensed health care provider who prescribes or dispenses  
4 an opioid or an opioid overdose reversal drug, to provide certain information to the  
5 individual receiving the prescription; authorizing a pharmacist to comply with the  
6 requirement by posting the information in a conspicuous location; and generally  
7 relating to opioids and opioid overdose reversal drugs.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health – General

10 Section 13–35A–01 and 13–35A–02 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 35A.  
11 Prescription of Opioids and Opioid Overdose Reversal Drugs”

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2023 Replacement Volume)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Health – General**

17 **SUBTITLE 35A. PRESCRIPTION OF OPIOIDS AND OPIOID OVERDOSE REVERSAL**  
18 **DRUGS.**

19 **13–35A–01.**

20 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
21 INDICATED.

22 (B) “LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED  
23 UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO PRESCRIBE

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 OR DISPENSE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

2 (C) "PHARMACIST" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 12-101 OF THE HEALTH  
3 OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

4 13-35A-02.

5 (A) A LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WHO PRESCRIBES OR DISPENSES  
6 AN OPIOID OR AN OPIOID OVERDOSE REVERSAL DRUG SHALL PROVIDE TO THE  
7 INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING THE PRESCRIPTION INFORMATION REGARDING:

8 (1) THE POTENTIAL DANGERS OF OPIOIDS;

9 (2) OVERDOSE PREVENTION; AND

10 (3) THE AVAILABILITY AND USE OF A DRUG APPROVED BY THE  
11 FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AS AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST FOR THE  
12 COMPLETE OR PARTIAL REVERSAL OF OPIOID-INDUCED RESPIRATORY  
13 DEPRESSION.

14 (B) A PHARMACIST MAY COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION  
15 BY POSTING THE INFORMATION IN A CONSPICUOUS LOCATION.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2024.