
By: Senator Hollinger

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Pharmacy - Issuance of Permits - Dialysis Drugs and Devices**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law relating to the issuance of permits
4 by the State Board of Pharmacy to distribute dialysis drugs and devices to the homes
5 of dialysis patients and the distribution of dialysis drugs and devices to certain
6 individuals; altering certain definitions; providing for the effective date of this Act;
7 and generally relating to the issuance of permits by the State Board of Pharmacy to
8 distribute dialysis drugs and devices to the homes of dialysis patients.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Health Occupations
11 Section 12-603
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Health Occupations**

17 12-603.

18 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

19 (2) "[Hemodialysis] DIALYSIS drugs and devices" means:

20 (i) Dialysate AND DIALYSIS SOLUTIONS;

21 (ii) Dialyzers, delivery systems, and their accessory equipment

22 NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THESE PRODUCTS;

23 (iii) Heparin;

24 (iv) Local anesthetics AND ANY OTHER DRUGS AND DEVICES

25 approved by the Board under subsection (g) of this section;

26 (v) Needles;

27 (vi) Syringes; and

1 (vii) Sterile sodium chloride [, 0.9%] AND STERILE POTASSIUM
2 CHLORIDE.

3 (3) "Home [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS distribution permit" means a permit
4 issued by the Board to distribute [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS drugs and devices to the
5 homes of [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS patients.

6 (b) (1) Except as provided under this subsection, a person shall hold a home
7 [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS distribution permit issued by the Board before the person may
8 distribute [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS drugs and devices to the home of a [hemodialysis]
9 DIALYSIS patient.

10 (2) A licensed pharmacist may distribute [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS drugs
11 and devices under this section without the home [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS distribution
12 permit otherwise required by this section.

13 (c) To qualify for a home [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS distribution permit, an
14 applicant shall satisfy the Board that the applicant will distribute [hemodialysis]
15 DIALYSIS drugs and devices in compliance with subsection (h) of this section.

16 (d) To apply for a home [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS distribution permit, an
17 applicant shall:

18 (1) Submit an application to the Board on the form that the Board requires;
19 and

20 (2) Pay to the Board a fee set by the Board.

21 (e) The Board shall issue a home [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS distribution permit to
22 any applicant who meets the requirements of this section.

23 (f) A home [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS distribution permit issued under this
24 section authorizes the home [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS distribution permit holder to
25 distribute [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS drugs and devices to the home of a [hemodialysis]
26 DIALYSIS patient while the home [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS distribution permit is
27 effective.

28 (g) (1) The Board may approve local anesthetics AND OTHER DRUGS AND
29 DEVICES for distribution as [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS drugs under this section.

30 (2) The Board may adopt rules and regulations to assure safe, proper, and
31 uninterrupted distribution of [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS drugs and devices, including rules
32 and regulations as to:

33 (i) Maintaining facilities that are adequate to assure proper security
34 and control of [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS drugs and devices;

35 (ii) Keeping records;

36 (iii) Labeling [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS drugs and devices;

37 (iv) Receipts from patients for [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS drugs and
38 devices;

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1 (v) Reports to the Board; and

2 (vi) Restrictions on specific [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS drugs or
3 devices, including limitations on the amounts that may be distributed.

4 (h) A person authorized to distribute [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS drugs and devices
5 under this section may distribute only [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS drugs and devices:

6 (1) That the Board, after consultation with the State Commission on Kidney
7 Disease, has approved as effective and safe for their intended use;

8 (2) Under supervision of a person who the Board considers qualified to
9 safeguard and protect the public health;

10 (3) To an individual:

11 (i) Who has [permanently] lost [the] function of the individual's
12 kidneys and requires regular treatment with a kidney machine OR OTHER TREATMENT
13 MODALITY TO SUSTAIN LIFE; and

14 (ii) Who has completed a full course of training in providing the
15 individual's own [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS treatment [:

16 1. Given] GIVEN by a home dialysis training facility [; and

17 2. With another individual personally committed to the
18 treatment of the individual who has permanently lost kidney function]; and

19 (4) In compliance with the rules and regulations adopted by the Board
20 under this section.

21 (i) Subject to the Administrative Procedure Act, the Board may suspend or
22 revoke the home [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS distribution permit of any home
23 [hemodialysis] DIALYSIS distribution permit holder who fails to comply with subsection
24 (h) of this section.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 June 1, 1997.