

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 1062 (Delegate Klausmeier. *et al.*)
Environmental Matters

Consumer Protection - Drug Storage and Shipment Safety Act

This bill requires a pharmacy permit holder that mails or ships prescription drugs to patients in the State, including a nonresident pharmacy permit holder, to provide in each shipment of a prescription drug: (1) general written notice that alerts the recipient that a medication's effectiveness may be affected by exposure to extremes of heat, cold, and humidity; and (2) a toll-free or local consumer access telephone number that recipients may use during regular hours of operation to ask questions relating to the effectiveness of a medication. The bill applies to mail-order prescription drugs if the drugs are not personally hand delivered directly to a patient or the patient's agent, or at the residence of the patient, or at a location designated by the patient.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in special fund revenues from penalties resulting from a violation of the bill. Any additional workload for the State Board of Pharmacy could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

Additional Comments: Currently, non-resident pharmacies are required to maintain a toll-free information line for customers.

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Laboratories Administration-Division of Drug Control); Department of Legislative Services

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