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By: **Chairman, Health and Government Operations Committee (By  
Request - Departmental - Health and Mental Hygiene)**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Controlled Dangerous Substances, Prescriptions, and Other Substances -**  
3 **Registration of Manufacturers, Distributors, and Dispensers**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to  
5 establish certain terms, expiration dates, and renewal requirements for certain  
6 registrations to manufacture, distribute, or dispense controlled dangerous  
7 substances; requiring the Department to adopt regulations; and generally  
8 relating to registrations to manufacture, distribute, or dispense controlled  
9 dangerous substances.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article - Criminal Law  
12 Section 5-302  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2002 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Criminal Law**

18 5-302.

19 [A registration expires 2 years after its effective date.]

20 (A) A REGISTRATION EXPIRES ON THE DATE SET BY THE DEPARTMENT  
21 UNLESS IT IS RENEWED FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

1 (B) A REGISTRATION MAY NOT BE RENEWED FOR MORE THAN 2 YEARS.

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of  
3 Health and Mental Hygiene shall adopt regulations to govern the transition to the  
4 new expiration date for registrants to be set by the Department. These regulations  
5 shall provide for the assessment of registration renewal fees that take into account  
6 the period between the former expiration date of June 30 as currently set forth in the  
7 Department's regulations and the new expiration date established by the  
8 Department. The registration fees shall be consistent with the fee schedules for  
9 registration renewal as otherwise provided under the Maryland Controlled  
10 Dangerous Substances Act and the regulations of the Department.

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 July 1, 2005.