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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Pharmacies - Posting of Prescription Drug Prices and Health Benefit Plan**
3 **Participation**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a pharmacy to post in a prominent location the
5 pharmacy's prices for certain prescription drugs listed on the website of the
6 Attorney General and a list of the health benefit plans in which the pharmacy
7 participates.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Health Occupations
10 Section 12-502(b)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Health Occupations**

16 12-502.

17 (b) (1) A licensed pharmacist shall give a patient who requests, in person or
18 by telephone, the current price of a prescription drug or device that the pharmacy
19 offers for sale to the public.

20 (2) A PHARMACY SHALL POST IN A PROMINENT LOCATION:

21 (I) THE PHARMACY'S PRICES FOR THE 25 MOST COMMONLY USED
22 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS LISTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; AND

23 (II) A LIST OF THE HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS IN WHICH THE
24 PHARMACY PARTICIPATES.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2005.