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CHAPTER _____

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 open to the public, on the first of each month, to print the list of~~
8 ~~certain prescription drugs posted on the website of the Office of the Attorney~~
9 ~~General; requiring a pharmacy to enter on the list the pharmacy's prices for~~
10 ~~certain prescription drugs; requiring a pharmacy to post a certain list of the~~
11 ~~pharmacy's prices for certain prescription drugs; and generally relating to the~~
12 ~~posting of prescription drug prices by pharmacies open to the public.~~

13 BY ~~repealing and reenacting, with amendments, adding to~~
14 ~~Article - Health Occupations~~
15 ~~Section ~~12-502(b)~~ 12-502(c)~~
16 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
17 ~~(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)~~

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

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Article - Health Occupations

2 12-502.

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

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

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

9 (II) A LIST OF THE HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS IN WHICH THE
10 PHARMACY PARTICIPATES.

11 (C) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A PHARMACY THAT IS OPEN TO
12 THE PUBLIC.

13 (2) ON THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH, A PHARMACY SHALL:

14 (I) PRINT THE LIST OF THE 25 MOST COMMONLY USED
15 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY
16 GENERAL;

17 (II) IN THE SPACE PROVIDED ON THE LIST, ENTER THE
18 PHARMACY'S PRICE FOR EACH OF THE 25 MOST COMMONLY USED PRESCRIPTION
19 DRUGS; AND

20 (III) POST THE UPDATED LIST IN A PROMINENT LOCATION INSIDE
21 THE PHARMACY.

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