

SENATE BILL 520

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By: **Senators Montgomery, Benson, and Pinsky**
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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Agriculture – Commercial Feed and Drinking Water – Antimicrobial Drug**
3 **Prohibition**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from using, selling, or distributing certain
5 commercial feed or drinking water intended for a certain use that contains
6 certain antimicrobial drugs on or after a certain date; defining certain terms;
7 and generally relating to commercial feed and drinking water additives.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Agriculture
10 Section 6–107.4
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Agriculture**

16 **6–107.4.**

17 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE**
18 **MEANINGS INDICATED.**

19 **(2) “CRITICAL ANTIMICROBIAL ANIMAL DRUG” MEANS A DRUG**
20 **THAT:**

21 **(I) IS INTENDED FOR USE IN FOOD–PRODUCING ANIMALS;**
22 **AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(II) IS COMPOSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART OF:**

2 **1. ANY KIND OF PENICILLIN, TETRACYCLINE,**
3 **MACROLIDE, LINCOSAMIDE, STREPTOGRAMIN, AMINOGLYCOSIDE, OR**
4 **SULFONAMIDE; OR**

5 **2. ANY OTHER DRUG OR DERIVATIVE OF A DRUG**
6 **THAT IS USED IN HUMAN BEINGS OR INTENDED FOR USE IN HUMAN BEINGS TO**
7 **TREAT OR PREVENT DISEASE OR INFECTION CAUSED BY MICROORGANISMS.**

8 **(3) (I) “NONTHERAPEUTIC USE” MEANS THE USE OF A**
9 **CRITICAL ANTIMICROBIAL ANIMAL DRUG AS A FEED OR WATER ADDITIVE FOR**
10 **AN ANIMAL IN THE ABSENCE OF DISEASE THAT HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED BY A**
11 **VETERINARIAN IN THE ANIMAL.**

12 **(II) “NONTHERAPEUTIC USE” INCLUDES USE FOR THE**
13 **PURPOSE OF:**

14 **1. GROWTH PROMOTION;**

15 **2. FEED EFFICIENCY;**

16 **3. WEIGHT GAIN;**

17 **4. ROUTINE DISEASE PREVENTION; OR**

18 **5. ANY OTHER ROUTINE PURPOSE.**

19 **(B) ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2016, A PERSON MAY NOT USE, SELL, OR**
20 **DISTRIBUTE FOR USE OR SALE WITHIN THE STATE ANY COMMERCIAL FEED OR**
21 **DRINKING WATER THAT:**

22 **(1) CONTAINS A CRITICAL ANTIMICROBIAL ANIMAL DRUG AS A**
23 **FEED INGREDIENT; AND**

24 **(2) IS INTENDED FOR NONTHERAPEUTIC USE.**

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2013.