

SENATE BILL 257

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ENROLLED BILL

— Finance/Health and Government Operations —

Introduced by **Senators Kelley, Astle, Feldman, Glassman, Kittleman, Mathias, Middleton, Pugh, ~~and Ramirez~~ Ramirez, and Klausmeier**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Access to Pharmacy Services in Maryland**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Access to Pharmacy Services
4 in Maryland; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task
5 Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain
6 compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
7 requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain
8 matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to
9 the Governor, the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the President of
10 the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and certain committees of the General
11 Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act;
12 and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Access to Pharmacy Services
13 in Maryland.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 MARYLAND, That:

3 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Access to Pharmacy Services in Maryland.

4 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

5 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
6 President of the Senate;

7 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
8 of the House;

9 (3) one member of the State Board of Pharmacy, appointed by the
10 Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;

11 (4) one member of the State Board of Physicians, appointed by the
12 Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;

13 (5) one representative of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program,
14 appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; ~~and~~

15 (6) one member of the State Board of Dental Examiners, appointed by
16 the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;

17 (7) one representative of the Maryland Behavioral Health
18 Administration, appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; and

19 ~~(6)~~ (8) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

20 (i) one representative of the Maryland Society of Health System
21 Pharmacies;

22 (ii) one representative of the Maryland Pharmacists
23 Association;

24 (iii) one representative of the ~~National~~ Maryland Association of
25 Chain Drug Stores;

26 (iv) one representative of the Maryland Hospital Association;

27 (v) one representative of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical
28 Society;

29 (vi) one representative of the Maryland Chapter of the Society of
30 Hospital Medicine;

1 (vii) one representative of the mobility unit of the Maryland
2 Transit Administration; ~~and~~

3 (viii) one consumer member;

4 (ix) one representative of the Maryland DC Society of Clinical
5 Oncology;

6 (x) one representative of the Maryland Dental Society;

7 (xi) one representative of the Maryland State Dental
8 Association;

9 (xii) one representative of a federally qualified health center;

10 (xiii) one representative of an independent retail pharmacy; ~~and~~

11 (xiv) two representatives of health insurance carriers doing
12 business in the State; and

13 (xv) one representative of the Pharmaceutical Research and
14 Manufacturers of America.

15 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

16 (d) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide staff for the
17 Task Force.

18 (e) A member of the Task Force:

19 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

20 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
21 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

22 (f) The Task Force shall:

23 (1) study the availability of pharmacy services for patients when they
24 are discharged from the hospital;

25 (2) identify any barriers or obstacles facing patients when they are
26 discharged from the hospital that may prevent them from filling prescription orders;

27 (3) compile ~~best practices used around the State to facilitate access to~~
28 ~~pharmacy services~~ information on best practices, programs, and community
29 pharmacist services used around the State and nationally to provide and to facilitate

1 access to pharmacy services, including community pharmacy medication therapy
 2 management services;

3 (4) explore transition of care and care coordination efforts by hospital
 4 staff and direct acute care pharmacists that connect patients with needed pharmacy
 5 services after discharge from the hospital;

6 (5) consider geographic differences in the State relating to access to
 7 pharmacy services;

8 (6) receive public testimony from stakeholders and the public;

9 (7) recommend strategies to reduce disparities in access to pharmacy
 10 services; and

11 (8) recommend the adoption of regulations by the Department of
 12 Health and Mental Hygiene that are consistent with the efforts of the State to
 13 redesign the State's Medicare waiver.

14 (g) On or before ~~June 1, 2015~~ December 31, 2014, the Task Force shall report
 15 its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Health Services Cost Review
 16 Commission, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the
 17 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Senate Budget and
 18 Taxation Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations
 19 Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 21 June 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the
 22 end of June 30, 2015, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
 23 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.