

# HOUSE BILL 1159

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Pharmacists – Dispensing of Prescription Drugs – Single Dispensing of Dosage**  
3 **Units**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a pharmacist to dispense, in a single dispensing and  
5 exercising the pharmacist’s professional judgment, a quantity of a prescription drug  
6 that is up to a certain number of authorized dosage units and does not exceed a  
7 certain supply of the prescription drug; providing that this Act does not apply to a  
8 certain controlled dangerous substance; and generally relating to pharmacists and  
9 dispensing of prescription drugs.

10 BY adding to  
11 Article – Health Occupations  
12 Section 12–511  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

### Article – Health Occupations

18 **12–511.**

19 **(A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS**  
20 **SUBSTANCE AS DEFINED IN § 5–101 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.**

21 **(B) A PHARMACIST MAY DISPENSE, IN A SINGLE DISPENSING AND**  
22 **EXERCISING THE PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT OF THE PHARMACIST, A QUANTITY OF**  
23 **A PRESCRIPTION DRUG THAT:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(1) IS UP TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DOSAGE UNITS AUTHORIZED BY**  
2 **THE PRESCRIBER ON THE ORIGINAL PRESCRIPTION AND ANY REFILLS OF THE**  
3 **PRESCRIPTION;**

4           **(2) EXCEPT FOR A CONTRACEPTIVE DISPENSED ON AND AFTER**  
5 **JANUARY 1, 2018, DOES NOT EXCEED A 90-DAY SUPPLY OF THE PRESCRIPTION**  
6 **DRUG; AND**

7           **(3) FOR A CONTRACEPTIVE DISPENSED ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1,**  
8 **2018, DOES NOT EXCEED A 6-MONTH SUPPLY OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG.**

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 2017.