

HOUSE BILL 1211

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By: **Delegate Frick**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2017

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Care Providers – Opioid Prescriptions – Limitations and Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a health care provider, under certain circumstances, from
4 writing a prescription for an opioid for more than a certain number of days' supply;
5 requiring a health care provider who is prescribing an opioid to a minor to discuss
6 certain information with the minor and, under certain circumstances, the minor's
7 custodial parent or legal guardian; and generally relating to limitations and
8 requirements regarding opioid prescriptions written by health care providers.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Health Occupations

11 Section 1–223

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Health Occupations**

17 **1–223.**

18 **(A) A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER MAY NOT WRITE A PRESCRIPTION FOR MORE**
19 **THAN A 7–DAY SUPPLY OF AN OPIOID IF THE OPIOID IS BEING PRESCRIBED TO:**

20 **(1) A MINOR; OR**

21 **(2) AN ADULT WHO HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN PRESCRIBED AN**
22 **OPIOID FOR OUTPATIENT USE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WHO IS PRESCRIBING AN OPIOID TO A**
2 **MINOR SHALL DISCUSS WITH THE MINOR AND, IF PRESENT, THE MINOR'S CUSTODIAL**
3 **PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

4 **(1) THE RISKS OF ADDICTION AND OVERDOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE**
5 **OPIOID;**

6 **(2) THE DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH TAKING THE OPIOID WITH**
7 **ALCOHOL, BENZODIAZEPINES, OR OTHER CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM**
8 **DEPRESSANTS; AND**

9 **(3) THE REASON THAT THE PRESCRIPTION IS NECESSARY.**

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