

# SENATE BILL 110

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## ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Health and Government Operations* —

Introduced by **Senator Conway**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Expedited Partner Therapy – *Trichomoniasis and* Pharmacist**  
3 **Dispensing**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing, notwithstanding any other provision of law, certain health  
5 care providers to prescribe, dispense, or otherwise provide antibiotic therapy to a  
6 certain partner of a patient diagnosed with trichomoniasis without making a certain  
7 physical assessment; authorizing, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a  
8 licensed pharmacist to dispense antibiotic therapy prescribed to certain partners of  
9 patients diagnosed with certain sexually transmitted infections without making a  
10 certain physical assessment; and generally relating to expedited partner therapy ~~and~~  
11 ~~dispensing of antibiotic therapy by a licensed pharmacist.~~

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Health – General

14 Section 18–214.1

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#### 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 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – Health – General**

6 18–214.1.

7 (a) The purpose of expedited partner therapy is to provide antibiotic therapy to  
8 any partner of a patient diagnosed with a sexually transmitted infection identified in  
9 subsection (b) of this section in order to:

10 (1) Contain and stop the further spread of the infection; and

11 (2) Reduce the likelihood of reinfection in the diagnosed patient.

12 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following health care  
13 providers may prescribe, dispense, or otherwise provide antibiotic therapy to any sexual  
14 partner of a patient diagnosed with chlamydia ~~or~~, gonorrhea, **OR TRICHOMONIASIS**  
15 without making a personal physical assessment of the patient’s partner:

16 (1) A physician licensed under Title 14 of the Health Occupations Article;

17 (2) An advanced practice registered nurse with prescriptive authority  
18 licensed under Title 8 of the Health Occupations Article acting in accordance with § 8–508  
19 of the Health Occupations Article;

20 (3) An authorized physician assistant licensed under Title 15 of the Health  
21 Occupations Article acting in accordance with § 15–302.2 of the Health Occupations Article;  
22 and

23 (4) A registered nurse employed by a local health department who complies  
24 with:

25 (i) The formulary developed and approved under § 3–403(b) of this  
26 article; and

27 (ii) The requirements established under § 8–512 of the Health  
28 Occupations Article.

29 (c) This section may not be construed to otherwise expand the prescribing or  
30 dispensing authority of an advanced practice registered nurse with prescriptive authority  
31 or a physician assistant.

1           **(D) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A PHARMACIST**  
2 **LICENSED UNDER TITLE 12 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE MAY DISPENSE**  
3 **ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY PRESCRIBED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS**  
4 **SECTION.**

5           **[(d)] (E)**       The Secretary shall adopt regulations to implement the requirements  
6 of this section in public and private health care settings in the State.

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.