

# SENATE BILL 144

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By: **Senator Feldman**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Authorization to Prescribe and Administer Amygdalin – Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law relating to the prescription,  
4 administration, and regulation of amygdalin; and generally relating to amygdalin.

5 BY repealing

6 Article – Health – General

7 Section 18–302

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Health – General**

13 [18–302.

14 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a physician may prescribe  
15 or administer amygdalin to treat cancer.

16 (b) (1) A hospital or health facility may not restrict or prohibit the use of  
17 amygdalin that a physician, with the consent of a patient, prescribes for or administers to  
18 the patient.

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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.



1                   (2)   (i)    The Department may restrict or prohibit the use of amygdalin in  
2 the treatment of a patient if, after a hearing, the Department finds that the manner in  
3 which the amygdalin is prescribed or administered is harmful to the patient.

4                   (ii)   The Department shall adopt rules and regulations for hearings  
5 under this paragraph.

6           (c)    The Department and the State Board of Pharmacy shall regulate the  
7 manufacture, distribution, and sale of amygdalin for use in this State, but only to ensure  
8 that the amygdalin is not adulterated, contaminated by microorganisms, or misbranded.]

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 2022.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.