

# HOUSE BILL 1377

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Assigned to: Health

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prescription Drug Repository Program – Redirecting Safe Prescription Drugs**  
3 **Pilot Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Redirecting Safe Prescription Drugs Pilot Program;  
5 requiring the Secretary of Health to collaborate with the federal Drug Enforcement  
6 Agency and certain repositories in the State to separate and redirect certain  
7 prescription medications to a State repository program; requiring each repository  
8 participating in the Pilot Program to ensure that any prescription medications  
9 collected are packaged in a certain manner and transferred to a drop-off site; and  
10 generally relating to the Redirecting Safe Prescription Drugs Pilot Program.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article – Health – General  
13 Section 15–601(a), (d), and (g) and 15–602  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Health – General**

19 15–601.

20 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

21 (d) “Drop-off site” means a pharmacy, other health care facility, or other entity  
22 participating in a drug donation or repository program and designated by the Board that:

23 (1) Has voluntarily agreed to accept donated prescription drugs,  
24 over-the-counter drugs, or medical supplies;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Is located within the State or in another state; and

2 (3) Does not have a final disciplinary order issued against it by a health  
3 occupations board.

4 (g) "Repository" means a licensed pharmacy that:

5 (1) If the licensed pharmacy is located in the State, does not have a final  
6 disciplinary order issued against it by the Board of Pharmacy;

7 (2) Has voluntarily agreed to participate in the Program;

8 (3) Is located in the State or in another state; and

9 (4) Has been approved by the Board to:

10 (i) Accept donated prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, or  
11 medical supplies from a designated drop-off site;

12 (ii) Dispense the donated prescription drugs, over-the-counter  
13 drugs, or medical supplies to eligible patients; or

14 (iii) Dispose of prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, or  
15 medical supplies not accepted for dispensing to eligible patients.

16 15-602.

17 (a) There is a Prescription Drug Repository Program regulated by the Board.

18 (b) The purpose of the Program is to:

19 (1) Accept prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, and medical  
20 supplies donated for the purpose of dispensing to eligible patients; and

21 (2) Accept prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, and medical  
22 supplies returned to a pharmacy for the purpose of proper disposal.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

24 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

25 (2) "DEA" means the federal Drug Enforcement Agency.

26 (3) "Drop-off site" has the meaning stated in § 15-601 of the Health –  
27 General Article.

1           (4)    “Pilot Program” means the Redirecting Safe Prescription Drugs Pilot  
2 Program.

3           (5)    “Repository” has the meaning stated in § 15–601 of the Health –  
4 General Article.

5           (b)    (1)    There is a Redirecting Safe Prescription Drugs Pilot Program.

6                   (2)    The purpose of the Pilot Program is to:

7                           (i)    expand medication access for underserved populations;

8                           (ii)   reduce pharmaceutical waste; and

9                           (iii) ensure drug safety and prevent diversion while leveraging safe  
10 medications for public good.

11           (c)    To administer the Pilot Program, the Secretary of Health shall collaborate  
12 with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency and four repositories in the State that are  
13 registered with the DEA to participate in a National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

14           (d)    Each repository participating in the Pilot Program shall:

15                   (1)    coordinate with the DEA to separate and redirect eligible,  
16 noncontrolled, unopened prescription medications collected by the repository during a  
17 National Prescription Drug Take Back Day to a State repository program under Title 15,  
18 Subtitle 6 of the Health – General Article;

19                   (2)    ensure that collected prescription medications are packaged in a  
20 manner that is consistent with the requirements of § 15–603 of the Health – General  
21 Article;

22                   (3)    ensure that controlled substances collected by the repository are  
23 provided to the DEA; and

24                   (4)    transfer eligible prescription medications collected by the repository to  
25 a drop-off site.

26           (e)    On or before October 1, 2027, the Secretary of Health shall report to the State  
27 Board of Pharmacy and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the  
28 General Assembly on:

29                   (1)    the total number of eligible prescription medications collected at each  
30 repository participating in the Pilot Program during the National Prescription Drug Take  
31 Back Day;

32                   (2)    the types of prescription medications collected; and

1                   (3)     the number of drugs collected that were not packaged in a manner that  
2 is consistent with the requirements of § 15–603 of the Health – General Article.

3                   SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
4 1, 2026. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the end of  
5 December 31, 2027, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall  
6 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.