

# HOUSE BILL 1377

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

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~~ drop-off sites in the State to separate and redirect  
7 certain prescription medications to a State repository program; requiring each  
8 ~~repository~~ drop-off site participating in the Pilot Program to ensure that any  
9 prescription medications collected are packaged in a certain manner and transferred  
10 to a ~~drop-off site~~ repository; and generally relating to the Redirecting Safe  
11 Prescription Drugs Pilot Program.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article – Health – General  
14 Section 15–601(a), (d), and (g) and 15–602  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Health – General**

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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 15-601.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 15-602.

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

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

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

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

## 1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

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

3 (2) “DEA” means the federal Drug Enforcement Agency.

4 (3) “Drop-off site” has the meaning stated in § 15–601 of the Health –  
5 General Article.6 (4) “Pilot Program” means the Redirecting Safe Prescription Drugs Pilot  
7 Program.8 (5) “Repository” has the meaning stated in § 15–601 of the Health –  
9 General Article.

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

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

12 (i) expand medication access for underserved populations;

13 (ii) reduce pharmaceutical waste; and

14 (iii) ensure drug safety and prevent diversion while leveraging safe  
15 medications for public good.16 (c) To administer the Pilot Program, the Secretary of Health shall collaborate  
17 with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency and four ~~repositories~~ drop-off sites in the State  
18 that are registered with the DEA to participate in a National Prescription Drug Take Back  
19 Day.20 (d) Each ~~repository~~ drop-off site participating in the Pilot Program shall:21 (1) coordinate with the DEA to separate and redirect eligible,  
22 noncontrolled, unopened prescription medications collected by the ~~repository~~ drop-off site  
23 during a National Prescription Drug Take Back Day to a State repository program under  
24 Title 15, Subtitle 6 of the Health – General Article;25 (2) ensure that collected prescription medications are packaged in a  
26 manner that is consistent with the requirements of § 15–603 of the Health – General  
27 Article;28 (3) ensure that controlled substances collected by the ~~repository~~ drop-off  
29 site are provided to the DEA; and

1 (4) transfer eligible prescription medications collected by the ~~repository~~  
2 ~~drop-off site~~ to a ~~drop-off site~~ repository.

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

6 (1) the total number of eligible prescription medications collected at each  
7 ~~repository drop-off site~~ participating in the Pilot Program during the National Prescription  
8 Drug Take Back Day;

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

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

12 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
13 1, 2026. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~1 year and 6 months~~ 2 years and, at the end  
14 of ~~December 31, 2027~~ June 30, 2028, this Act, with no further action required by the  
15 General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.