

HOUSE BILL 1564

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By: **Delegates Turner, Fennell, Spiegel, and Taveras**

Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2026

Assigned to: Judiciary and Health

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Drugs and Medical Devices Used in Death Sentences –**
3 **Prohibition**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person doing business in the State from knowingly
5 manufacturing or selling, distributing, dispensing, or otherwise supplying a drug or
6 medical device or compounding a drug if the person knows or reasonably should
7 know certain authorization was prompted, either directly or indirectly, by a person
8 seeking the drug or device with the intent that the drug or device will be used to
9 carry out a death sentence; and generally relating to drugs and medical devices used
10 in death sentences.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Health – General
13 Section 21–1114
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 **21–1114.**

20 **A PERSON DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE MAY NOT KNOWINGLY**
21 **MANUFACTURE OR SELL, DISTRIBUTE, DISPENSE, OR OTHERWISE SUPPLY A DRUG**
22 **OR MEDICAL DEVICE OR COMPOUND A DRUG IF THE PERSON KNOWS OR**
23 **REASONABLY SHOULD KNOW THAT THE ORDER, PRESCRIPTION, OR OTHER**
24 **AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MANUFACTURE, COMPOUNDING, OR SUPPLYING OF THE**
25 **DRUG OR DEVICE WAS PROMPTED, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, BY A PERSON**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **SEEKING THE DRUG OR DEVICE WITH THE INTENT THAT THE DRUG OR DEVICE WILL**
2 **BE USED TO CARRY OUT A DEATH SENTENCE.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2026.