

People on the Go of Maryland



House Bill 456

Pharmacies - Prescription Drugs - Accessible Labels for Blind, Visually Impaired, and Print Disabled Individuals

Requiring pharmacies to provide notice to customers of the availability of accessible labels for blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled individuals for prescription drugs and to provide the selected label on request; requiring that accessible labels preserve the integrity of the print prescription drug container label, contain all the required label information, be durable and last to the prescription's expiration and be provided within a certain time frame; establishing certain standards for prescription readers; etc.

Position: Support

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Sponsored by Delegates Guyton, Attar, Foley, McCaskill, Palakovich Carr, Terrasa, and Valderrama

Assigned to Health and Government Operations

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Honorable Chairperson and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee,

People on the Go of Maryland, (People on the Go) the statewide self-advocacy organization, ran for and by those with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) offers this written testimony in support of HB456 Pharmacies - Prescription Drugs - Accessible Labels for Blind, Visually Impaired, and Print Disabled Individuals. POG supports this bill because people with disabilities need information labels on their medication prescriptions so they can better understand the effects and side effects of their medications. Simply put, access to the correct information on medication labels will save lives. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter and we encourage a favorable report.

Should you have any questions please contact Cody Drinkwater.

Best regards,

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