

HOUSE BILL 582

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Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2017

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Pharmacies – Availability of Generically Equivalent Drugs**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a pharmacy to stock a certain generically equivalent drug or
4 order the generically equivalent drug for delivery to the pharmacy within a certain
5 period of time, under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally
6 relating to pharmacies and availability of generically equivalent drugs.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Health Occupations

9 Section 12–511

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Health Occupations**

15 **12–511.**

16 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “BRAND NAME” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**
17 **12–504 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

18 **(B) IF A PHARMACY STOCKS A BRAND NAME DRUG, THE PHARMACY ALSO**
19 **SHALL:**

20 **(1) STOCK AT LEAST ONE GENERICALLY EQUIVALENT DRUG; OR**

21 **(2) ON REQUEST OF THE PATIENT OR AN AUTHORIZED PRESCRIBER,**
22 **ORDER THE GENERICALLY EQUIVALENT DRUG FOR DELIVERY TO THE PHARMACY**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME TO TREAT A PATIENT'S ILLNESS OR**
2 **CONDITION.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2017.