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By: **Senator Lam**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Pharmacists – Administration of Maintenance Injectable Medications –**
3 **Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infections**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “maintenance injectable medication” for the
5 purposes of provisions of law governing the administration of maintenance injectable
6 medications by pharmacists to include a medication that treats a sexually
7 transmitted infection and is not a vaccine; and generally relating to the
8 administration of maintenance injectable medications by pharmacists.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Health Occupations
11 Section 12–101(o–1)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2021 Replacement Volume)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article – Health Occupations
16 Section 12–509(a) and (b)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2021 Replacement Volume)

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

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.



Article – Health Occupations

12–101.

(o–1) (1) “Maintenance injectable medication” means a medication that:

(i) Is administered by injection other than intravenously; and

(ii) **1. Treats a chronic need, condition, or disorder; OR**

2. TREATS A SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION AND IS NOT A VACCINE.

(2) “Maintenance injectable medication” includes a medication for the treatment of a psychiatric disorder or substance use disorder, contraception, and vitamins.

12–509.

(a) In addition to the authority granted to a pharmacist under § 12–508 of this subtitle, a pharmacist, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board, may administer:

(1) A self-administered drug to a patient that is prescribed by an authorized prescriber; and

(2) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, a maintenance injectable medication that is not a biological product to a patient:

(i) That is prescribed by an authorized prescriber;

(ii) In accordance with a standing order issued by an authorized public health official; or

(iii) In accordance with a protocol under Subtitle 6A of this title.

(b) A pharmacist may not administer an initial dose of a maintenance injectable medication product under subsection (a)(2) of this section unless the pharmacist receives written approval from the prescriber.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.