

# SENATE BILL 814

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By: **Senators Rosapepe, Benson, Hershey, Jennings, Klausmeier, and Mathias**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Pharmacists – Dispensing of Prescription Drugs – Single Dispensing of Dosage**  
3 **Units**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a pharmacist to dispense, in a single dispensing and  
5 exercising the pharmacist's professional judgment, a quantity of a prescription drug  
6 that is up to a certain number of authorized dosage units and does not exceed a  
7 certain supply of the prescription drug; providing that this Act does not apply to ~~a~~  
8 ~~certain controlled dangerous substance~~ certain drugs; and generally relating to  
9 pharmacists and dispensing of prescription drugs.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health Occupations

12 Section 12-511

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Health Occupations**

18 **12-511.**

19 **(A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:**

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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           **(1) ~~A~~ A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE AS DEFINED IN §**  
 2 **5-101 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE;**

3           **(2) THE FIRST PRESCRIPTION OR CHANGE IN A PRESCRIPTION FOR A**  
 4 **MAINTENANCE DRUG THAT AN AUTHORIZED PRESCRIBER PRESCRIBES FOR THE**  
 5 **INSURED OR ENROLLEE; OR**

6           **(3) FOR A CONTRACEPTIVE, THE FIRST 2-MONTH SUPPLY OF**  
 7 **PRESCRIPTION CONTRACEPTIVES DISPENSED UNDER:**

8                   **(I) THE INITIAL PRESCRIPTION FOR THE CONTRACEPTIVE; OR**

9                   **(II) ANY SUBSEQUENT PRESCRIPTION FOR A CONTRACEPTIVE**  
 10 **THAT IS DIFFERENT THAN THE LAST CONTRACEPTIVE DISPENSED TO THE PATIENT.**

11           **(B) A PHARMACIST MAY DISPENSE, IN A SINGLE DISPENSING AND**  
 12 **EXERCISING THE PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT OF THE PHARMACIST, A QUANTITY OF**  
 13 **A PRESCRIPTION DRUG THAT:**

14                   **(1) IS UP TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DOSAGE UNITS AUTHORIZED BY**  
 15 **THE PRESCRIBER ON THE ORIGINAL PRESCRIPTION AND ANY REFILLS OF THE**  
 16 **PRESCRIPTION;**

17                   **(2) EXCEPT FOR A CONTRACEPTIVE DISPENSED ON AND AFTER**  
 18 **JANUARY 1, 2018, DOES NOT EXCEED A 90-DAY SUPPLY OF THE PRESCRIPTION**  
 19 **DRUG; AND**

20                   **(3) ~~FOR~~ SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION, FOR A**  
 21 **CONTRACEPTIVE DISPENSED ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2018, DOES NOT EXCEED A**  
 22 **6-MONTH SUPPLY OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG.**

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.