

HOUSE BILL 601

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Opioids – Dispensing Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a drug classified as an opioid to be dispensed with a nontoxic
4 composition designed to permanently and chemically sequester or deactivate the
5 drug and be used for disposal of the drug; establishing that a certain provision of this
6 Act does not relieve a person from certain requirements of law regarding controlled
7 dangerous substances; and generally relating to the dispensing of opioids.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health – General

10 Section 21–221.1

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Health – General

15 Section 21–222

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Health – General**

21 **21–221.1.**

22 **A DRUG THAT IS CLASSIFIED AS AN OPIOID SHALL BE DISPENSED WITH A**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 NONTOXIC COMPOSITION DESIGNED TO:

2 (1) PERMANENTLY AND CHEMICALLY SEQUESTER OR DEACTIVATE
3 THE DRUG; AND

4 (2) BE USED TO DISPOSE OF ANY UNUSED, UNWANTED, OR EXPIRED
5 PORTION OF THE DRUG.

6 21-222.

7 Nothing in § 21-220, § 21-221, or [§ 21-221] § 21-221.1 of this subtitle relieves
8 any person from any requirement imposed by law with respect to any drug that is classified
9 as a controlled dangerous substance within the meaning of Title 5 of the Criminal Law
10 Article or the applicable federal law.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2018.