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A BILL ENTITLED

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:

21 **Article – Health Occupations**

22 12–101.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (ii) 1. Treats a chronic need, condition, or disorder; OR
2 2. **TREATS A SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION AND**
3 **IS NOT A VACCINE.**

4 (2) "Maintenance injectable medication" includes a medication for the
5 treatment of a psychiatric disorder or substance use disorder, contraception, and vitamins.
6 12-509.

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

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

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

14 (i) That is prescribed by an authorized prescriber;

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

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

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

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