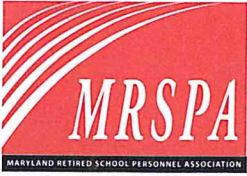


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House Bill 1119

In Support Of

Pharmacists – Required Notification and Authorization Substitution – Lower-Cost Brand Name Drug or Device Product

Health and Government Relations Committee

Hearing: February 25, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Dear Honorable Delegate Shane E. Pendergrass, Chair, and Honorable Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair, and Distinguished Health and Government Relations Committee members,

The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) requests a favorable report on HB 1119 Pharmacists – Required Notification and Authorization Substitution – Lower-Cost Brand Name Drug or Device Product.

This legislation enables a pharmacist to inform customers of a generic drug or device that is therapeutically equivalent or equal to the physician prescribed brand name drug or device. Additionally, the customer would be informed of the lower-cost alternative in writing. MRSPA supports legislation that will control the cost of prescription drugs and that will aid in making this information more available and transparent to our members and all Marylanders.

On behalf of the almost 14,000 members of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, we urge a favorable report on HB 1119.

Sincerely,

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