

CHAPTER 607.

AN ACT to provide against the evils resulting from the traffic in certain narcotic drugs, and to regulate the sale thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell, furnish or give away any cocaine, salts of cocaine or preparations containing any cocaine or salts of cocaine, or any morphine, eucaine, salts of eucaine, or preparations containing any eucaine or salts of eucaine, except upon the original written order or prescription of a lawfully authorized practitioner of medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine, which order or prescription shall be dated and shall contain the name of the person for whom prescribed, or if ordered by a practitioner of veterinary medicine, shall state the kind of animal for which ordered, and shall be signed by the person giving the prescription or order. Such written order or prescription shall be permanently retained on file by the person, firm or corporation who shall compound or dispense the articles ordered or prescribed, and it shall not be compounded or dispensed a second time, except upon the written order of the original prescriber; provided, however, that the above provisions shall not apply to preparations containing not more than one-half grain of morphine, not more than one-sixteenth grain of cocaine, in one fluid ounce, or if a solid preparation, in one avoirdupois ounce; provided, also, that the above provisions shall not apply to preparations recommended in good faith for diarrhœa and cholera, each bottle or package of which is accompanied by specific directions for use, and a caution against habitual use, nor to liniments or ointments when plainly labeled, "for external use only," and, provided, further, that the above provisions shall not apply to sales at wholesale by jobbers, wholesalers and manufacturers to retail druggists, nor to sales at retail by retail druggists to regular practitioners of medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine, nor to sales made to manufacturers of proprietary or pharmaceutical preparations for use in the manufacture of such preparations, nor to sales to hospitals, colleges, scientific or public institutions; and, provided, further, that the provisions of this Act shall not apply to the sale or manufacture of any *bona fide* patent or proprietary medicine.

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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be unlawful for any practitioner of medicine, dentistry or veterinary medi-

Physicians'
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