

VETOES

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

House Bill No. 1191

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – Prescribers of Medicine

FOR the purpose of altering the Health Occupations Article definition of “authorized prescriber” to include any other individual authorized by law to prescribe drugs, medicine, or devices; ratifying and confirming certain actions performed from and after a certain date; and making this Act an emergency measure.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 12-101(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1986 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

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

Article – Health Occupations

12-101.

(b) “Authorized prescriber” means any licensed dentist, licensed physician, licensed podiatrist, [or] licensed veterinarian, OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO PRESCRIBE DRUGS, MEDICINES, OR DEVICES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly hereby ratifies and confirms all of the actions taken by nurse practitioners and licensed pharmacists in writing and filling otherwise lawfully written and filled prescriptions done after July 1, 1980.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

May 29, 1990

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Delegates