HOUSE BILL 1542

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By: **Delegate Rosenberg**
Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2026
Assigned to: Judiciary and Health

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Goods, Services, or Technologies Used in Death Sentences – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person doing business in the State from knowingly manufacturing or selling, distributing, dispensing, or otherwise supplying a drug, medical device, or other good, service, or technology or compounding a drug if the person knows or reasonably should know that certain authorization was prompted, either directly or indirectly, by a person seeking the drug, medical device, or other good, service, or technology with the intent that the drug, medical device, or other good, service, or technology will be used to carry out a death sentence; requiring a health occupations board to deny or revoke a license or certificate to an applicant, licensee, or certificate holder if the holder violates or has violated a certain provision; and generally relating to goods, services, or technologies used in death sentences.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 21–1114
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–231
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General

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

21–1114.

(A) A PERSON DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE MAY NOT KNOWINGLY MANUFACTURE OR SELL, DISTRIBUTE, DISPENSE, OR OTHERWISE SUPPLY A DRUG, MEDICAL DEVICE, OR OTHER GOOD, SERVICE, OR TECHNOLOGY OR COMPOUND A DRUG IF THE PERSON KNOWS OR REASONABLY SHOULD KNOW THAT THE ORDER, PRESCRIPTION, OR OTHER AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MANUFACTURE, COMPOUNDING, OR SUPPLYING OF THE DRUG, MEDICAL DEVICE, OR OTHER GOOD, SERVICE, OR TECHNOLOGY WAS PROMPTED, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, BY A PERSON SEEKING THE DRUG, MEDICAL DEVICE, OR OTHER GOOD, SERVICE, OR TECHNOLOGY WITH THE INTENT THAT THE DRUG, MEDICAL DEVICE, OR OTHER GOOD, SERVICE, OR TECHNOLOGY WILL BE USED TO CARRY OUT A DEATH SENTENCE.

(B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY OF $10,000.

Article – Health Occupations

1–231.

IF AN APPLICANT, LICENSEE, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER UNDER THIS ARTICLE VIOLATES OR HAS VIOLATED § 21–1114 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE, A HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD SHALL:

(1) DENY A LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE TO THE APPLICANT; OR

(2) REVOKE THE LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.