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## **Health Care Practitioners - Licensed Dentists, Physicians, and Podiatrists - Personally Preparing and Dispensing Prescription Drugs and Devices**

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Senate bill 603 (Chapter 267) requires dentists, physicians, and podiatrists to comply – as a condition of being allowed to personally prepare and dispense prescription drugs – with specified requirements related to dispensing, labeling, inspection, packaging, recall procedure, recordkeeping, purchase, verification, reporting, and continuing education. The bill also requires the boards of Pharmacy, Dental Examiners, Physicians, and Podiatric Medical Examiners to make specified annual reports to the Division of Drug Control (DDC) in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH). In addition, the bill establishes requirements for DDC to (1) inspect the office of a dentist, physician, or podiatrist who holds a dispensing permit; and (2) report the results of the inspections to the respective board of licensure. The boards of Dental Examiners, Physicians, and Podiatric Medical Examiners must charge a fee\* to the holder of a dispensing permit in an amount that will produce funds (payable to the general funds) to approximate but not exceed DDC's inspection costs.

The bill took effect July 1, 2013.

***\*Note: \$1,000.00 is collected for DDC inspections. \$50 is retained by the Board of Physicians as a processing fee as stated in the Health Occupations (HO) Art. 12-102.2, Ann. Code of Md.***