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## **MEDCHI APPLAUDS NEW MARYLAND STERILE COMPOUNDING LAW**

BALTIMORE, April 15, 2015 — Yesterday, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan signed into law legislation streamlining and clearing up Maryland's unique sterile compounding legislation. MedChi's Past President, Dr. Russell Wright, expressed pleasure of the passage stating "MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, would like to thank the Governor and the General Assembly for passing legislation that streamlines regulation, while properly regulating sterile compounding. This act will help patient protection and access care by continuing to allow physicians to mix medications in office settings."

Senate Bill 69/House Bill 181 (State Board of Pharmacy – Sterile Compounding – Compliance by Nonresident Pharmacies and Repeal of Permit Requirement) was MedChi priority legislation to repeal the 2013 Maryland law regulating "sterile compounding." From its initial enactment, the 2013 legislation became problematic for physicians due to the fact that the Maryland Board of Pharmacy determined that the definition of compounding included the routine mixing of medicines in a physician's office. After the enactment of the 2013 law, a federal law was enacted which, in fact, properly regulated sterile compounding facilities and included an exemption for the mixing of medicines in a physician's office.

The passage of the federal law illustrated the problems with the Maryland law which was contradictory to the federal statute and harmful to real medical practices. In 2014, certain specialties were exempted from the Maryland Sterile Compounding law and, with the passage of Senate Bill 69/House Bill 181, all medical practices will now be relieved with Governor Hogan's signature of the bill yesterday.

### About MedChi

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society is a non-profit membership association of Maryland physicians. It is the largest physician organization in Maryland. The mission of MedChi is to serve as Maryland's foremost advocate and resource for physicians, their patients and the public health of Maryland. For more information, please visit [www.medchi.org](http://www.medchi.org).