

the place of the Section so repealed, revising the provisions concerning disciplinary action against practicing optometrists in this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 380 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Optometry," be and it is hereby repealed and that a new Section 380 be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section so repealed, and all to read as follows:*

380.

*Board of Examiners of Optometry—Disciplinary Proceedings*

*(a) Powers and Duties. The Board shall have the power to reprimand an optometrist or place him on probation, revoke, or suspend his certificate of registration or examination granted by it under this subtitle, or dismiss the charges against any optometrist for any of the causes listed below as unprofessional conduct:*

*(1) Fraudulent or deceptive procuring or use of a certificate of registration or examination.*

*(2) Advertising in any manner which includes or contains any reference to cost, price, or credit terms of optometric services or of lenses, glasses, frames, mountings, or other related articles or devices when provided or sold in connection with or as a result of an optometric examination.*

*(3) Conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude.*

*(4) Abandonment of a patient.*

*(5) Addiction to narcotics, habitual drunkenness or rendering optometric services to a patient if the optometrist is intoxicated or under the influence of drugs.*

*(6) Promotion by an optometrist of the sale of devices, appliances or goods provided for a patient in such a manner as to exploit the patient for financial gain of the optometrist.*

*(7) Immoral conduct of an optometrist in his practice as an optometrist.*

*(8) Willfully making and filing false reports or records, in his practice as an optometrist.*

*(9) Willful omission to file or record, or willfully impeding or obstructing a filing or recording, or inducing another person to omit to file or record optometric reports required by law.*

*(10) Failure to furnish details of a patient's optometric record to succeeding optometrists upon proper request.* OF THE PATIENT.

*(11) Solicitation of patronage by agents or persons, or profiting from the acts of those representing themselves to be agents of the certified optometrist.* EMPLOYMENT OF OTHER PERSONS AS SOLICITORS OF BUSINESS.

*(12) Division of fees or agreeing to split or divide the fees received for optometric services with any person for bringing to or referring a patient.*