

CHAPTER 623

(House Bill 685)

AN ACT concerning

Optometric Examination - Waiver

FOR the purpose of altering the provisions of law under which an optometric examination may be waived.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations
Section 10-305
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Volume and 1982 Supplement)

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

Article - Health Occupations

10-305.

(a) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Board may waive the examination requirements of this title for an individual who is licensed to practice optometry in any other state.

(b) The Board may grant a waiver under this section only if the applicant:

(1) Pays the application fee required by the Board under § 10-303 of this subtitle;

(2) Provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

(i) Meets the qualifications otherwise required by this title, INCLUDING, FOR ~~5~~ 3 YEARS BEFORE APPLYING, THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS ~~THAT--ARE--EQUIVALENT-TO-THE CONTINUING-EDUCATION-REQUIREMENTS OF THIS--SUBTITLE~~ THE OTHER STATE IN WHICH THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN PRACTICING OPTOMETRY, OR, IF THE OTHER STATE DOES NOT HAVE ANY CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT, THE APPLICANT SHALL MEET THE EQUIVALENT OF 3 YEARS OF THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE IN COURSES APPROVED BY THE BOARD; [and]

(II) MEETS THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THAT THE BOARD ESTABLISHES IN SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) OF THIS SECTION; AND