

~~(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A DISCLOSURE BY THE SECRETARY TO A PERSON IN INTEREST OR TO A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY PERFORMING ITS LAWFUL DUTIES WHERE THE SECRETARY DETERMINES THAT THE DISCLOSURE IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH OR TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF AN INFECTIOUS OR CONTAGIOUS DISEASE.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved May 10, 2005.

CHAPTER 391

(House Bill 719)

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations - State Board of Examiners in Optometry - Scope of Practice

FOR the purpose of requiring certain optometrists to complete a certain course; exempting certain optometrists from certain requirements; authorizing certain optometrists to administer and prescribe certain pharmaceutical agents; ~~authorizing certain optometrists to remove certain residual particulate matter with an alger brush; authorizing certain optometrists to order certain laboratory tests; authorizing certain optometrists to administer or prescribe certain steroids under certain circumstances; requiring the State Board of Examiners in Optometry to approve certain continuing education courses by a certain date; requiring the Board to grant a waiver of certain requirements under this Act to certain individuals until a certain date; requiring the Board to certify certain optometrists; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations a certain practice protocol in consultation with and subject to the approval of the State Board of Physicians by a certain date; requiring the Board to report to certain committees of the General Assembly by a certain date; and generally relating to the State Board of Examiners in Optometry.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Health Occupations
Section 11-404.1 and 11-404.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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