

(4) PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND YOUTH SERVICES BUREAUS UNDER § 2-122 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO ~~ENHANCE AND EXPAND~~ IDENTIFY ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES FOR PREDELINQUENT PROGRAMS.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall take effect on the taking effect of the termination provision specified in Section 3 of Chapter 691 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001. If that termination provision takes effect, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. This Act may not be interpreted to have any effect on that termination provision.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

May 26, 2005

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 474 – *Health Occupations – State Board of Examiners in Optometry – Scope of Practice*.

This bill authorizes therapeutically certified optometrists to administer and prescribe specified pharmaceutical agents. Moreover, Senate Bill 474 authorizes therapeutically certified optometrists to administer or prescribe topical steroids in accordance with a specified practice protocol.

House Bill 719, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 474.

Very truly yours,  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor

#### Senate Bill No. 474

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~~