

addition to certain other provisions of law governing medical laboratories; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to conduct a certain proficiency program for ~~medical laboratories~~ certain cytology personnel in the State; specifying that ~~the proficiency testing program~~ certain proficiency tests for certain physicians be conducted in a certain manner; requiring cytology medical laboratories to pay a certain fee for the cost of a proficiency test; requiring the Department, in consultation with the State Board of Medical Examiners and the Medical and Surgical Faculty, to conduct a certain study and to report its findings to the General Assembly by a certain date; and generally relating to the regulation of certain medical laboratories and physicians conducting certain medical laboratory procedures.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - General
Section 17-201, 17-205, and 17-216
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume)

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Article - Health - General
Section 17-202 and 17-212
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Preamble

WHEREAS, The proper performance of medical laboratory services is a matter of vital concern, affecting public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Medical laboratories provide essential public health services in aiding the medical practitioner by furnishing information invaluable to the diagnosis and treatment of disease; and

WHEREAS, Many medical laboratory services in Maryland are conducted in individual physicians' offices which are only minimally regulated by the State; and

WHEREAS, The improper performance of a laboratory procedure may result in an erroneous diagnosis or contribute to the selection of an inappropriate method of treatment; and

WHEREAS, The protection of the people of this State requires affirmative action to insure that the performance of medical