

laboratory services meets high standards of public health care; now, therefore,

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

Article - Health - General

17-201.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) (1) "Medical laboratory" means any laboratory that makes examinations in connection with the diagnosis and control of human diseases or the assessment of human health, nutritional, or medical conditions.

(2) "Medical laboratory" does not include tests or examinations that:

(i) Are performed by a health care practitioner who is licensed under the Health Occupations Article, with the exception of a physician, if the tests or examinations:

1. Are performed on the patients of the practitioner; and

2. Are within the practitioner's lawful scope of practice; or

(ii) Concern pregnancy screening.

(c) "Permit" means a permit issued by the Secretary:

(1) To operate a medical laboratory in this State; or

(2) To represent or service in this State a medical laboratory that is outside this State.

17-202.

(a) (1) The Secretary shall adopt rules and regulations that set standards for medical laboratories.

(2) The rules and regulations shall contain the standards that the Secretary considers necessary to assure the citizens of this State that medical laboratories provide safe and reliable services.

(b) To assure compliance with the standards adopted under this subtitle, the Secretary shall: