

VETOES

smear-test-slides-for-2-years requiring that the regulations include certain restrictions and certain requirements with respect to certain practices of cytotechnologists, cytopathologists, and cytology laboratories--; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish and conduct a certain testing program; requiring medical laboratories to pay a certain fee for a certain proficiency testing program; and generally relating to the regulation of certain medical laboratories in the State.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General  
Section 17-215.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1987 Replacement Volume)

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

Article - Health - General

17-215.1.

(A) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING MEDICAL LABORATORIES ENGAGED IN THE FIELD OF CYTOPATHOLOGY THAT INCLUDE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING REGULATIONS THAT:

(1) LIMIT THE NUMBER OF SLIDES A CYTOTECHNOLOGIST MAY EXAMINE PER DAY;

(2) PROHIBIT CYTOTECHNOLOGISTS FROM EXAMINING SLIDES AT ANY RESIDENTIAL DOMICILE OR ANY BUILDING NOT OWNED OR USED BY A LICENSED MEDICAL LABORATORY;

(3) PROHIBIT PAYMENT TO CYTOTECHNOLOGISTS ON A PIECEWORK BASIS;

(4) REQUIRE CYTOLOGY LABORATORIES TO RESCREEN NO LESS THAN 10 PERCENT OF ALL NEGATIVE PAP SMEARS;

(5) REQUIRE THAT CYTOLOGY RESCREENING BE PERFORMED BY A SUPERVISORY LEVEL CYTOTECHNOLOGIST OR A CYTOPATHOLOGIST;

(6) REQUIRE THE PATHOLOGIST WHO DIRECTS THE CYTOPATHOLOGY LABORATORY TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER AN ONGOING QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM WITH STANDARDS RECOGNIZED BY PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS;

(7) REQUIRE CYTOLOGY LABORATORIES TO REJECT IMPROPERLY PREPARED SPECIMENS, MAKE APPROPRIATE COMMENTS REGARDING THE QUALITY OF THE SPECIMEN, AND MAINTAIN RECORDS ON