

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

IMPROPERLY PREPARED SPECIMENS FOR 5 YEARS SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE DEPARTMENT;

~~{B}--A--CYTOTECHNOLOGIST--MAY--NOT--EXAMINE--MORE--THAN--60--SLIDES PER--DAY--~~

~~{C}--DURING--A--CYTOTECHNOLOGIST'S--WORK--DAY--A--CYTOTECHNOLOGIST SHALL--STOP--EXAMINING--SLIDES--EVERY--HOUR--FOR--A--PERIOD--OF--5--MINUTES--~~

~~{D}--A--MEDICAL--LABORATORY--WITH--A--PERMIT--TO--PERFORM EXAMINATIONS--IN--THE--FIELD--OF--PATHOLOGY--SHALL~~

(8) REQUIRE CYTOLOGY LABORATORIES TO MAINTAIN AND STORE FOR 2 5 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF EXAMINATION ANY SLIDE THAT WAS EXAMINED FOR DISEASE OR DISEASE AGENTS--;

(9) REQUIRE ALL CYTOLOGY SPECIMEN REPORTS TO BE RETAINED FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS; AND

(10) PROHIBIT PHYSICIANS FROM SENDING PAP SMEAR SPECIMENS TO OUT-OF-STATE LABORATORIES NOT LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH AND CONDUCT A STATE PROFICIENCY TESTING PROGRAM FOR ALL CYTOLOGY PERSONNEL IN THE STATE THAT EXAMINE PAP SMEARS;

(2) ALL PROFICIENCY TESTS CONDUCTED UNDER THE STATE PROFICIENCY TESTING PROGRAM REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE ON SITE, UNANNOUNCED, AND UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF AN OFFICIAL OF THE LABORATORY ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE; AND

(3) A MEDICAL LABORATORY SHALL PAY THE DEPARTMENT THE FEE ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY TO COVER THE COST OF THE STATE PROFICIENCY TESTING PROGRAM UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

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May 27, 1988

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

Dear Mr. President: