

VETOES

Article - Health Occupations
Section 10-404
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

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

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10-101.

(f) "Practice optometry" means:

(1) [To] SUBJECT TO § 10-404 OF THIS TITLE, TO use any means known in the science of optics, except [drugs, medicine, or] surgery:

(i) To detect any optical or diseased condition in the human eye; or

(ii) To prescribe eyeglasses or lenses to correct any optical condition in the human eye;

(2) To give advice or direction on the fitness or adaptation of eyeglasses or lenses to any individual for the correction or relief of a condition for which eyeglasses or lenses are worn; or

(3) To use or permit the use of any instrument, test card, test type, test eyeglasses, test lenses, or other device to aid in choosing eyeglasses or lenses for an individual to wear.

10-404.

(A) UNLESS CERTIFIED UNDER THIS SECTION, A LICENSED OPTOMETRIST MAY NOT ADMINISTER A TOPICAL OCULAR DIAGNOSTIC PHARMACEUTICAL AGENT TO A PATIENT.

(B) THE BOARD SHALL CERTIFY A LICENSED OPTOMETRIST AS QUALIFIED TO ADMINISTER TOPICAL OCULAR DIAGNOSTIC PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS IF THE LICENSED OPTOMETRIST SUBMITS TO THE BOARD EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD THAT THE LICENSED OPTOMETRIST:

(1) MEETS THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS THAT THE BOARD ESTABLISHES FOR CERTIFICATION OF QUALIFICATION TO ADMINISTER TOPICAL OCULAR DIAGNOSTIC PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS; AND

(2) HAS WITHIN 7 YEARS BEFORE CERTIFICATION COMPLETED A COURSE IN PHARMACOLOGY THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.