

WHEREAS, The Maryland Optometric Association, the Maryland Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons, and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene have agreed not to seek or support in the General Assembly any expansion in the law regarding the scope of optometric practice until at least January 1, 2000; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly to expand the scope of optometric practice only to the extent specified in this Act; now, therefore,

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

Article – Health Occupations

11-101.

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

(b) “Board” means the State Board of Examiners in Optometry.

(C) “DIAGNOSTICALLY CERTIFIED OPTOMETRIST” MEANS A LICENSED OPTOMETRIST WHO IS CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD TO ADMINISTER TOPICAL OCULAR DIAGNOSTIC PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS ~~SUBJECT TO~~ TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED UNDER § 11-404 OF THIS TITLE.

[(c)](D) “License” means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license issued by the Board to practice optometry.

[(d)](E) “Licensed optometrist” means, unless the context requires otherwise, an optometrist who is licensed by the Board to practice optometry.

[(e)](F) “Optometrist” means an individual who practices optometry.

[(f)](G) (1) “Practice optometry” means:

[(1)](I) ~~Subject to § 11-404 §§ 11-404 AND 11-404.2 of this title, to~~ ~~TO~~ use any means known in the ~~science~~ ~~SCIENCES~~ of optics, ~~VISION CARE~~, OR EYE CARE, except surgery:

[(i)] 1. To detect, DIAGNOSE, AND ~~SUBJECT TO § 11-404.1 §§ 11-404 AND 11-404.2 OF THIS TITLE, TREAT, SUBJECT TO THIS TITLE,~~ any optical, ~~VISUAL~~, or diseased condition in the human eye ~~AND ADNEXA, OR THE VISUAL SYSTEM;~~ or

[(ii)]2. To prescribe eyeglasses or lenses to correct any optical OR VISUAL condition in the human eye;

[(2)](II) 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)](III) 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.