

terms defined term and certain language; and generally relating to the Maryland Optometry Act selling and dispensing of contact lenses and replacement contact lenses.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 24-301.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 11-101, 11-404.4, and 11-504

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

**Article - Health - General**

24-301.1.

(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN THE SELLING AND DISPENSING OF PLANO AND ZERO-POWERED CONTACT LENSES AND PLANO AND ZERO-POWERED REPLACEMENT CONTACT LENSES.

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY SELL OR DISPENSE CONTACT LENSES OR REPLACEMENT CONTACT LENSES WITHOUT A VALID AND UNEXPIRED PRESCRIPTION OR REPLACEMENT CONTACT LENS PRESCRIPTION.

(C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.

(D) THIS SECTION DOES NOT LIMIT THE RIGHT OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY TO REGULATE AN OPTOMETRIST WHO KNOWINGLY SELLS OR DISPENSES CONTACT LENSES OR REPLACEMENT CONTACT LENSES WITHOUT A VALID AND UNEXPIRED PRESCRIPTION OR REPLACEMENT CONTACT LENS PRESCRIPTION.

**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.