

letter of exception from certain State licensing requirements for laboratories; and generally relating to exceptions from State licensing requirements for laboratories.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Health - General  
Section 17-205  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

**Article - Health - General**

17-205.

(a) A person shall hold a license issued by the Secretary before the person may:

(1) Offer or perform medical laboratory tests or examinations in this State;

(2) Offer or perform medical laboratory tests or examinations on specimens acquired from health care providers in this State at a medical laboratory located outside this State; or

(3) Represent or service in this State a medical laboratory regardless of the laboratory's location.

(b) The Secretary shall issue a letter of exception to a laboratory that:

(1) Performs only limited medical laboratory tests or examinations; and

(2) Meets the exception requirements in regulations adopted by the Secretary pursuant to this subtitle.

(c) For the purposes of this section, "limited medical laboratory tests or examinations" means [simple] medical laboratory procedures as defined in regulations adopted by the Secretary pursuant to this subtitle.

(d) If preliminary screening procedures are performed by an operator who is trained under § 17-214(k) of this subtitle, an employer: