

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1992.

Approved May 12, 1992.

CHAPTER 343

(House Bill 663)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Examiners in Optometry

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Examiners in Optometry (Board) in accordance with the Maryland Program Evaluation Act by extending to a certain date the termination provision relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board and the regulation of optometrists; altering the membership of the Board; providing certain procedures for filling vacancies on the Board; repealing certain obsolete provisions of law; adding certain grounds for discipline of optometrists; and generally relating to the State Board of Examiners in Optometry and the regulation of optometrists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 11-202(a) and (c), 11-204(c), 11-309(b), 11-313(23) and (24), and 11-602
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1991 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations

Section 11-313(25), (26), and (27)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1991 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - Occupations

11-202.

- (a) (1) The Board consists of [six] 7 members.
- (2) Of the [six] 7 members:
 - (i) Five shall be licensed optometrists; and
 - (ii) [One] TWO shall be [a] consumer [member] MEMBERS.