

# HOUSE BILL 1292

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Optometrists – Prescriptions for Glasses and Contact Lenses – Pupillary**  
3 **Distance Measurement**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the prescribing optometrist to include, in each prescription  
5 for glasses or contact lenses provided to a patient, the pupillary distance  
6 measurement at no additional cost to the patient; and generally relating to  
7 optometrists and prescriptions for glasses and contacts.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health Occupations

10 Section 11–406

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health Occupations**

16 **11–406.**

17 **IN EACH PRESCRIPTION FOR GLASSES OR CONTACT LENSES PROVIDED TO A**  
18 **PATIENT, THE PRESCRIBING OPTOMETRIST SHALL INCLUDE THE PATIENT’S**  
19 **PUPILLARY DISTANCE MEASUREMENT AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE PATIENT.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2024.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

