

Chapter 181

(House Bill 36)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners – Unannounced Inspections

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners to conduct certain inspections of certain offices of podiatrists against whom a certain complaint has been filed with the Board to determine compliance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidelines on universal precautions; and generally relating to unannounced inspections of the office of a podiatrist.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 16–205(b)(4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

Article – Health Occupations

16–205.

(b) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board shall:

(4) **[Conduct] EXCEPT FOR AN OFFICE OF A PODIATRIST IN A HOSPITAL, RELATED INSTITUTION, FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY, OR FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTER, CONDUCT** an unannounced inspection of the office of a podiatrist **AGAINST WHOM A COMPLAINT HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE BOARD REGARDING A VIOLATION OF THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION'S GUIDELINES ON UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS**[, other than an office of a podiatrist in a hospital, related institution, freestanding medical facility, or a freestanding birthing center,] to determine compliance at that office with the **[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's] guidelines [on universal precautions]**.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2011.