AN ACT

Amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), entitled "An act relating to the right to practice medicine and surgery and the right to practice medically related acts; reestablishing the State Board of Medical Education and Licensure as the State Board of Medicine and providing for its composition, powers and duties; providing for the issuance of licenses and certificates and the suspension and revocation of licenses and certificates; providing penalties; and making repeals," further providing for definitions.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 2 of the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, is amended by adding a definition to read:

Section 2. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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"Ophthalmic surgery." A treatment or procedure, diagnostic, palliative, therapeutic, rehabilitative, cosmetic or refractive for conditions or disease processes involving the eye and/or ocular adnexa, utilizing lasers, cautery, ionizing or non-ionizing radiation, scalpels, probes, needles or other instruments in which the human eye and/or ocular adnexa is cut, drained, penetrated, thermally altered, vaporized, frozen, burned, sutured, probed, manipulated, injected or otherwise altered by any mechanical, thermal, light-based, electromagnetic, radiofrequency, ultrasonic, chemical or pharmacologic means.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.