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TO: The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass, Chair  
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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 191 – *Optometrists and Physicians – Prescription for Lenses – Expiration Dates*

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The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), which represents more than 7,600 Maryland physicians and their patients, supports House Bill 191, which requires prescriptions for eyeglasses, sunglasses or any other type of lenses to have an expiration date of not more than 24 months from the date the patient was first examined.

This requirement parallels current law regarding prescriptions for contact lenses and may help ensure that individuals are receiving regular eye exams.

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