

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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HOUSE BILL 1254

By: Representative Magie

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF "OPHTHALMIC DISPENSING" TO INCLUDE THE PREPARATION AND DISPENSING OF CONTACT LENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF "OPHTHALMIC DISPENSING" TO INCLUDE THE PREPARATION AND DISPENSING OF CONTACT LENSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-89-102(4), concerning the definition of "ophthalmic dispensing", is amended to read as follows:

(4)(A) "Ophthalmic dispensing" means the preparation of laboratory work orders, verification, and dispensing of spectacle lenses, spectacles, eyeglasses, or parts thereof, or contact lenses to the intended wearer on a written prescription from a licensed physician skilled in disease of the eye or from a licensed optometrist.

(B) "~~Ophthalmic~~ Ophthalmic dispensing" ~~shall include~~ includes:

(i) The measuring, fitting, adapting, and adjusting of spectacle lenses, spectacles, eyeglasses, or parts thereof to the human face;

(ii) The preparation and delivery of work orders to laboratory technicians engaged in grinding lenses and fabrication of eyewear;

(iii) The verification of the quality of finished spectacle lenses, spectacles, or eyeglasses; ~~and~~



(iv) The adjustment or repair of spectacle frames to the human face; and

(v) The dispensing, selling, or supplying of contact lenses by a licensed dispensing optician.

(C) The prescribing, adapting, fitting, duplicating, dispensing, or modifying, selling, or supplying of contact lenses for or to the human eye is specifically excluded;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 89, Subchapter 4, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

17-89-409. Contact lenses.

(a) The Arkansas Board of Dispensing Opticians shall adopt rules concerning the dispensing, selling, and supplying of contact lenses by licensed dispensing opticians, including establishing appropriate educational requirements of licensed dispensing opticians.

(b) A licensed dispensing optician shall:

(1) Dispense contact lenses only upon a written prescription from a licensed optometrist or licensed physician skilled in disease of the eye;

(2) Advise the intended wearer of the contact lenses at the time of dispensing to return to the licensed optometrist or licensed physician skilled in disease of the eye for evaluation and follow-up care;

(3) Not fit a generic type of contact lenses or mode of wear for contact lenses contrary to the type or mode prescribed; and

(4) Not duplicate contact lenses solely from previously prepared contact lenses.

/s/Magie