

2010 -- S 2415

=====
LC01539
=====

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

A N A C T

RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- OPTOMETRISTS

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, Tassoni, McCaffrey, and Gallo

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 5-35.1 of the General Laws entitled "Optometrists" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **5-35.1-11.1. Discounted fees may not be required by insurers. – [No contracting entity](#)**
4 **[which provides health care benefits shall require that, as a class, any provider must accept a](#)**
5 **[discounted fee for services or medical devices in order that they participate in the medical panel](#)**
6 **[when other providers providing the same service participate in the medical panel without such](#)**
7 **[requirement or restrictions. This shall apply in cases where medical devices are sold at retail to](#)**
8 **[the subscriber.](#)**

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

=====
LC01539
=====

EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
A N A C T
RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS – OPTOMETRISTS

- 1 This act would prohibit insurers from requiring optometrists to accept discounted fees for
- 2 services which other providers participating in the same medical panel are not required to accept.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

=====
LC01539
=====