

Bill No.: HB0039 **Effective:** **Multiple Dates**

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Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0036

Chapter No.: 78

Prime Sponsor: Sommers

Catch Title: **Optometrist practice act amendments.**

Subject: The scope of the practice of Optometry.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Amends and redefines the practice of Optometry to include specified procedures such as the examination, diagnosis and treatment of abnormal conditions and diseases of the eye, and exclude specified surgeries such as corneal transplants, intraocular implants and surgery requiring manipulation of the retina.
- Amends the prescriptive drug authority of Optometrists to allow for prescriptions for the treatment of ocular disease excluding schedule I and II narcotics except for hydrocodone.
- Amends the number of members on the board of optometry from three (3) to five (5) and requires three (3) licensed optometrists, one (1) member of the public and one (1) health care professional other than a license optometrist.
- Requires an advertisement for the practice of optometry to identify the type of license held and prohibits deceptive or misleading information.
- Requires a photo ID to be worn during patient encounters and requires the photograph of the license to be visible.
- Requires the hours of any medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy collaborating with the optometrist to be posted in each office.
- Modifies examination requirements and requirements for continuing education for optometrists.

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