

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Senator Moore**

A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 17-89-101(a) TO CLARIFY
9 OPTOMETRISTS_ USE OF PRESCRIPTION ORAL DRUGS; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

13 "TO CLARIFY OPTOMETRISTS_ USE OF PRESCRIPTION ORAL DRUGS."

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

17 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 17-89-101(a) is hereby amended to read as
18 follows:

19 "(a) The practice of optometry means the examination, diagnosis, and
20 treatment of conditions of the human eye, lid, adnexa, and visual system,
21 including the removal of superficial foreign bodies from the cornea,
22 conjunctiva, lid, or adnexa, but shall exclude other surgery of the lid,
23 adnexa, or visual system. Optometry shall include utilizing any method or
24 means which the licensed optometrist is educationally qualified to provide, as
25 established and determined by the Arkansas State Board of Optometry. In
26 administering this chapter, the Arkansas State Board of Optometry shall by
27 rule or regulation prescribe those acts, services, procedures, and practices
28 which constitute the practice of optometry. The practice of optometry does not
29 include laser surgery or the administration of any drug by injection, the use
30 of prescription oral drugs the use of controlled drugs, and the sale of
31 prescription drugs, with the exception of contact lenses."

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33 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
34 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
35 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

