1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H3/4/19	
2	92nd General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2019	HOUSE BILL 1251	
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5	By: Representatives Eubanks, Miller, Brown, Christiansen, D. Douglas, Evans, Holcomb, Jett, Lynch,		
6	Petty, B. Smith, S. Smith, Vaught, Watson		
7	By: Senators D. Wallace, Hester, Hill, Rapert		
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9	For An Act To Be Entitled		
10	AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PRACTICE OF		
11	OPTOMETRY	<b>''</b> ;	
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14		Subtitle	
15	TO A	MEND THE DEFINITION OF "PRACTICE OF	
16	OPTOMETRY"; AND TO MODERNIZE THE PRACTICE		
17	OF (	PTOMETRY.	
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20	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:	
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22	SECTION 1. Ark	ansas Code § 17-90-101(a)(3)(B), concerning the	
23	definition of "practi	ce of optometry", is amended to read as follows:	
24	(B)	All licensed optometrists are prohibited from using	
25	ophthalmic lasers for	surgical procedures <u>except as permitted in subdivision</u>	
26	<u>(a)(3)(D) of this sec</u>	tion, performing cataract surgery, performing radial	
27	keratotomy surgery, a	nd selling prescription drugs.	
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29	SECTION 2. Ark	ansas Code $\S$ 17-90-101(a)(3), concerning the definition	
30	of "practice of optom	etry", is amended to add an additional subdivision to	
31	read as follows:		
32	<u>(D)</u>	The "practice of optometry" includes the following	
33	<pre>procedures:</pre>		
34		(i) Injections, excluding intravenous or intraocular	
35	<u>injections;</u>		
36		(ii) Incision and curettage of a chalazion;	

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1	(iii) Removal and biopsy of skin lesions with low			
2	risk of malignancy, excluding lesions involving the lid margin or nasal to			
3	the puncta;			
4	(iv) Laser capsulotomy; and			
5	(v) Laser trabeculoplasty.			
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7	SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-90-204, concerning the powers and duties			
8	of the State Board of Optometry, is amended to add an additional subdivision			
9	to read as follows:			
10	(9) To establish credentialing requirements for a licensee to			
11	administer or perform procedures as listed in § 17-90-101(a)(3)(D).			
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13	SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 90, Subchapter 2, is			
14	amended to add an additional section to read as follows:			
15	17-90-206. Reporting requirements.			
16	(a) The State Board of Optometry shall require every optometrist who			
17	meets the requirements for certification to perform authorized laser			
18	procedures to report to the board regarding the outcome of the procedures			
19	performed in a format as required or directed by the board.			
20	(b) Reports under subsection (a) of this section shall also be sent to			
21	the Department of Health.			
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