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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1251

TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY"; TO EXPAND THE TYPES OF OPHTHALMIC SURGERY THAT MAY BE PERFORMED BY OPTOMETRISTS; AND TO MODERNIZE THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1251

Amend House Bill No. 1251 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 11 through 14, and substitute the following:
"OPTOMETRY";

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY"; AND TO MODERNIZE THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-90-101(a)(3)(B), concerning the definition of "practice of optometry", is amended to read as follows:

(B) All licensed optometrists are prohibited from using ophthalmic lasers for surgical procedures except as permitted in subdivision (a)(3)(D) of this section, performing cataract surgery, performing radial keratotomy surgery, and selling prescription drugs.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-90-101(a)(3), concerning the definition of "practice of optometry", is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(D) The "practice of optometry" includes the following procedures:

(i) Injections, excluding intravenous or intraocular

injections;

(ii) Incision and curettage of a chalazion;



(iii) Removal and biopsy of skin lesions with low risk of malignancy, excluding lesions involving the lid margin or nasal to the puncta;

(iv) Laser capsulotomy; and

(v) Laser trabeculectomy.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-90-204, concerning the powers and duties of the State Board of Optometry, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(9) To establish credentialing requirements for a licensee to administer or perform procedures as listed in § 17-90-101(a)(3)(D).

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 90, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

17-90-206. Reporting requirements.

(a) The State Board of Optometry shall require every optometrist who meets the requirements for certification to perform authorized laser procedures to report to the board regarding the outcome of the procedures performed in a format as required or directed by the board.

(b) Reports under subsection (a) of this section shall also be sent to the Department of Health."

The Amendment was read _____
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