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**A Bill**

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SENATE BILL

4 By: Senator D. Sullivan

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6 Filed with: Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor  
7 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF "OPHTHALMIC  
9 DISPENSING" TO INCLUDE THE DISPENSING OF CONTACT  
10 LENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

11 TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF "OPHTHALMIC  
12 DISPENSING" TO INCLUDE THE DISPENSING OF  
13 CONTACT LENSES.

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

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-89-102(4), concerning the definition of  
24 "ophthalmic dispensing", is amended to read as follows:

25 (4)(A) "Ophthalmic dispensing" means the preparation of  
26 laboratory work orders, verification, and dispensing of spectacle lenses,  
27 spectacles, eyeglasses, or parts thereof, or contact lenses, to the intended  
28 wearer on a written prescription from a licensed physician skilled in disease  
29 of the eye or from a licensed optometrist.

30 (B) "~~Ophthalmic~~ Ophthalmic dispensing" ~~shall include~~  
31 includes:

32 (i) The measuring, fitting, adapting, and adjusting  
33 of spectacle lenses, spectacles, eyeglasses, or parts thereof to the human  
34 face;

35 (ii) The preparation and delivery of work orders to  
36 laboratory technicians engaged in grinding lenses and fabrication of eyewear;

1 (iii) The verification of the quality of finished  
2 spectacle lenses, spectacles, or eyeglasses; ~~and~~

3 (iv) The adjustment or repair of spectacle frames to  
4 the human face; and

5 (v) The dispensing, selling, or supplying of contact  
6 lenses by a licensed dispensing optician.

7 (C) The prescribing, adapting, fitting, duplicating,  
8 ~~dispensing, or~~ modifying, ~~selling, or supplying~~ of contact lenses for or to  
9 the human eye is specifically excluded;

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11 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-89-104(d), concerning the prohibition of  
12 the practice of optometry or medicine by licensed dispensing opticians, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (d) The prescribing, adapting, fitting, duplicating, ~~dispensing, or~~  
15 ~~modifying, selling, or supplying~~ of contact lenses for or to the human eye is  
16 specifically prohibited except when done by a licensed optometrist or  
17 licensed physician skilled in disease of the eye.

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