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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1251

5 By: Representatives Eubanks, Miller, Brown, Christiansen, D. Douglas, Evans, Holcomb, Jett, Lynch,
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7 By: Senators D. Wallace, Hester, Hill, Rapert
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PRACTICE OF
10 OPTOMETRY";
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Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PRACTICE OF
15 OPTOMETRY"; AND TO MODERNIZE THE PRACTICE
16 OF OPTOMETRY.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-90-101(a)(3)(B), concerning the
23 definition of "practice of optometry", is amended to read as follows:

24 (B) All licensed optometrists are prohibited from using
25 ophthalmic lasers for surgical procedures except as permitted in subdivision
26 (a)(3)(D) of this section, performing cataract surgery, performing radial
27 keratotomy surgery, and selling prescription drugs.
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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-90-101(a)(3), concerning the definition
30 of "practice of optometry", is amended to add an additional subdivision to
31 read as follows:

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

34 (i) Injections, excluding intravenous or intraocular
35 injections;

36 (ii) Incision and curettage of a chalazion;



