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A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the regulating, licensing and controlling of dispensing opticians.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. This Act shall be known as the "Practice as a
2 Dispensing Optician Act".

1 Sec. 2. For the purpose of this Act, the following classes
2 of persons shall be determined to be engaged in practice as dis-
3 pensing opticians:

4 Persons who prepare and dispense lenses, spectacles, eye-
5 glasses and optical devices to the intended user thereof only
6 on the written prescriptions of a physician or optometrist duly
7 licensed to practice his profession. A dispensing optician
8 shall not engage in the diagnosis of the diseases of the human
9 eye or attempt to determine the refractions of the human eye
10 or in any manner attempt to prescribe or treat diseases or
11 ailments of persons. Licensed practitioners of medicine and
12 surgery, optometry, osteopathy or osteopathy and surgery or
13 persons operating under their supervision and merchants and
14 dealers who sell eyeglasses or merchandise in an established
15 place of business and who do not profess to be optometrists or
16 practice optometry shall not be deemed to be engaged in practice
17 as dispensing opticians.

1 Sec. 3. Every applicant for license to practice as a dispensing

2 optician shall:

3 1. Furnish satisfactory evidence of a preliminary education
4 equivalent to at least four (4) years study in an accredited high
5 school or other secondary school.

6 2. Furnish satisfactory evidence that he has completed one
7 (1) school year of not less than eight hundred fifty (850) hours
8 of study in a recognized school of optical dispensing or has had
9 practical training and experience of a grade and character
10 satisfactory to the board of examiners of not less than two (2)
11 years under the supervision of a dispensing optician, a licensed
12 physician, or a licensed optometrist, provided, however, that
13 any time spent in a recognized school shall be considered a part
14 of the apprenticeship provided herein.

15 3. Pass an examination prescribed by the dispensing optician
16 examiners in the subject of mathematics and physics, ophthalmic
17 materials and laboratory technique, ophthalmic optics, ophthalmic
18 dispensing and practical subjects.

1 Sec. 4. It shall be unlawful for a dispensing optician to
2 advertise in any manner that would tend to mislead or deceive the
3 public.

1 Sec. 5. Section one hundred forty-seven point one (147.1),
2 Code 1962, is hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By inserting in subsection two (2), line four (4) after
4 the word "optometrist," the words "dispensing optician,".

5 2. By inserting in subsection three (3), line four (4) after
6 the word "optometry," the words "practice as a dispensing
7 optician,".

1 Sec. 6. Section one hundred forty-seven point two (147.2),
2 Code 1962, is hereby amended by inserting after the word

3 "optometry," in line five (5) the words "dispensing optician,".

1 Sec. 7. Section one hundred forty-seven point thirteen
2 (147.13), Code 1962, is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 word "examiners;" in line ten (10) the words "for dispensing opti-
4 dispensing optician examiners," cians,

1 Sec. 8. Section one hundred forty-seven point fifteen (147.15),
2 Code 1962, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "optom-
3 in lines two (2) and three (3) the words, "dispensing optician," etry,"

1 Sec. 9. Section one hundred forty-seven point eighty (147.80),
2 Code 1962, subsection three (3) is hereby amended by inserting
3 after the word "chiropractic," in line two (2) thereof the words,
4 "as a dispensing optician,".

1 Sec. 10. The members of the first board of dispensing optician
2 examiners appointed under the provisions of this Act shall have all
3 qualifications required in section three (3), subsections one (1)
4 and two (2) of this Act for a license to practice as a dispensing
5 optician, and shall be nominated and appointed in the manner
6 prescribed in section one hundred forty-seven point twenty (147.20),
7 Code 1962. One (1) member of such board shall be appointed for a
8 term of one (1) year, one (1) member for a term of two (2) years
9 and one (1) member for a term of three (3) years. The members of
10 such board shall immediately upon appointment and payment of a
11 license fee of twenty (20) dollars be, without further proceedings
12 issued a license to practice as dispensing opticians.

1 Sec. 11. Nothing in this Act referring to the qualifications
2 of opticians shall be construed to apply to persons practicing as
3 opticians at the time this Act takes effect.