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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON KING)

Passed Senate, Date _____ Passed House, Date _____
Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
Approved _____

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the qualifications and authorization of
2 therapeutically certified optometrists engaged in the practice
3 of optometry.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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2 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 Therapeutically certified optometrists may employ the
4 ~~following-pharmaceuticals:--topical-pharmaceutical-agents,~~
5 ~~oral-antimicrobial-agents,-oral-antihistamines,-oral~~
6 ~~antiglaucoma-agents,~~ all diagnostic and therapeutic
7 pharmaceutical agents for the purpose of diagnosis and
8 treatment of conditions of the human eye and adnexa, excluding
9 the use of intraglobal, retrobulbar, subtenon,
10 subconjunctival, and intravenous injections, and
11 notwithstanding section 147.107, may without charge supply any
12 of the above ~~listed~~ pharmaceuticals to commence a course of
13 therapy. Prior to administering diagnostic or therapeutic
14 pharmaceutical agents by injection, therapeutically certified
15 optometrists shall complete additional didactic and clinical
16 training in the administration of pharmaceutical agents by
17 injection in a course approved by the board of optometry
18 examiners. Superficial foreign bodies may be removed from the
19 human eye and adnexa. ~~These~~ The therapeutic efforts of a
20 therapeutically certified optometrist are intended for the
21 purpose of examination, diagnosis, and treatment of visual
22 defects, abnormal conditions and diseases of the human eye and
23 adnexa, for proper optometric practice or referral for
24 consultation or treatment to persons licensed under chapter
25 148 or 150A. A therapeutically certified optometrist is an
26 optometrist who is licensed to practice optometry in this
27 state and who is certified by the board of optometry examiners
28 to use the agents and procedures ~~listed-in~~ authorized pursuant
29 to this paragraph. A therapeutically certified optometrist
30 shall be provided with a distinctive certificate by the board
31 which shall be displayed for viewing by the patients of the
32 optometrist.

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EXPLANATION

34 This bill relates to the qualifications and authorization
35 of therapeutically certified optometrists engaged in the

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1 practice of optometry. The bill provides that a
2 therapeutically certified optometrist may employ all
3 diagnostic and therapeutic agents for the purpose of the
4 diagnosis and treatment of conditions of the human eye and
5 adnexa, with specified exceptions. The bill provides that
6 prior to utilizing diagnostic or therapeutic agents in an
7 injectible form, therapeutically certified optometrists shall
8 complete additional didactic and clinical training in the
9 administration of medications by injection in a course
10 approved by the board of optometry examiners. These
11 provisions replace a current list in Code section 154.1 of
12 pharmaceuticals which may be employed by a therapeutically
13 certified optometrist in therapeutic efforts.

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H. 2/19/02 *Amend/Do Pass*
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SENATE FILE 374
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1155)

Passed Senate, Date 3-21-01 (P.768) Passed House, Date 3-11-02 (P.685)
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Approved March 28, 2002

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Vote 43-1

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6 ~~antiglaucoma agents, and oral analgesic agents,~~ all diagnostic
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9 adnexa, excluding the use of intraglobal, retrobulbar,
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19 human eye and adnexa. ~~These~~ The therapeutic efforts of a
20 therapeutically certified optometrist are intended for the
21 purpose of examination, diagnosis, and treatment of visual
22 defects, abnormal conditions and diseases of the human eye and
23 adnexa, for proper optometric practice or referral for
24 consultation or treatment to persons licensed under chapter
25 148 or 150A. A therapeutically certified optometrist is an
26 optometrist who is licensed to practice optometry in this
27 state and who is certified by the board of optometry examiners
28 to use the agents and procedures ~~listed in~~ authorized pursuant
29 to this paragraph. A therapeutically certified optometrist
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SENATE FILE 374

S-3211

1 Amend Senate File 374 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting
3 clause and inserting the following:
4 "Section 1. Section 154.1, unnumbered paragraph 3,
5 Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:
6 Therapeutically certified optometrists may employ
7 the following pharmaceuticals: topical pharmaceutical
8 agents, oral antimicrobial agents, oral
9 antihistamines, oral antiglaucoma agents, and oral
10 analgesic agents, ~~and notwithstanding.~~
11 Therapeutically certified optometrists may administer
12 benedryl, epinephrine, or other medication through
13 injection as appropriate to counteract anaphylaxis or
14 anaphylactic reactions upon demonstration by the
15 therapeutically certified optometrist to the board of
16 optometry examiners of satisfactory didactic and
17 clinical training for such administration consistent
18 with rules established by the board. Therapeutically
19 certified optometrists may employ diagnostic and
20 therapeutic pharmaceutical agents not specified in
21 this paragraph when authorized by rule of the board of
22 optometry examiners adopted following consultation
23 with and agreement of the board of medical examiners
24 and the board of pharmacy examiners, which rules shall
25 also specify additional didactic and clinical
26 training, if any, which the therapeutically certified
27 optometrist must demonstrate to the board prior to use
28 of the newly specified pharmaceutical agent or agents.
29 Notwithstanding section 147.107, a therapeutically
30 certified optometrist may without charge supply any of
31 the above listed pharmaceuticals to commence a course
32 of therapy. Superficial foreign bodies may be removed
33 from the human eye and adnexa. ~~These therapeutic~~
34 efforts The pharmaceutical agents authorized for use
35 under this paragraph are intended for the purpose of
36 examination, diagnosis, and treatment of visual
37 defects, abnormal conditions and diseases of the human
38 eye and adnexa, for proper optometric practice or
39 referral for consultation or treatment to persons
40 licensed under chapter 148 or 150A. A therapeutically
41 certified optometrist is an optometrist who is
42 licensed to practice optometry in this state and who
43 is certified by the board of optometry examiners to
44 use the agents and procedures ~~listed in~~ authorized
45 pursuant to this paragraph. A therapeutically
46 certified optometrist shall be provided with a
47 distinctive certificate by the board which shall be
48 displayed for viewing by the patients of the
49 optometrist."

By JOHN REDWINE
ROBERT E. DVORSKY

S-3211 FILED MARCH 21, 2001

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(P 768)

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO
SENATE FILE 374

S-5140

1 Amend Senate File 374, as passed by the Senate, as
2 follows:

3 1. By striking everything after the enacting
4 clause and inserting the following:

5 "Section 1. Section 154.1, unnumbered paragraph 3,
6 Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:

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11 ~~analgesic agents, all diagnostic and therapeutic~~
12 pharmaceutical agents for the purpose of diagnosis and
13 treatment of conditions of the human eye and adnexa,
14 pursuant to this paragraph, excluding the use of
15 injections other than to counteract an anaphylactic
16 reaction, and notwithstanding section 147.107, may
17 without charge supply any of the above listed
18 pharmaceuticals to commence a course of therapy.
19 Therapeutically certified optometrists may prescribe
20 oral steroids for a period not to exceed fourteen days
21 without consultation with a primary care physician.
22 Therapeutically certified optometrists shall not
23 prescribe oral Imuran or oral Methotrexate.
24 Therapeutically certified optometrists may be
25 authorized, where reasonable and appropriate, by rule
26 of the board, to employ new diagnostic and therapeutic
27 pharmaceutical agents approved by the United States
28 food and drug administration on or after July 1, 2002,
29 for the diagnosis and treatment of the human eye and
30 adnexa. The board shall not be required to adopt
31 rules relating to topical pharmaceutical agents, oral
32 antimicrobial agents, oral antihistamines, oral
33 antiglaucoma agents, and oral analgesic agents.
34 Superficial foreign bodies may be removed from the
35 human eye and adnexa. ~~These~~ The therapeutic efforts
36 of a therapeutically certified optometrist are
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38 and treatment of visual defects, abnormal conditions
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40 optometric practice or referral for consultation or
41 treatment to persons licensed under chapter 148 or
42 150A. A therapeutically certified optometrist is an
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44 this state and who is certified by the board of
45 optometry examiners to use the agents and procedures
46 listed in authorized pursuant to this paragraph. A
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1 Sec. 2. EMERGENCY RULES. The board of optometry
2 examiners may adopt emergency rules under section
3 17A.4, subsection 2, and section 17A.5, subsection 2,
4 paragraph "b", to implement the provisions of this
5 Act, and the rules shall become effective immediately
6 upon filing, unless a later effective date is
7 specified in the rules. Any rules adopted in
8 accordance with the provisions of this section shall
9 also be published as notice of intended action as
10 provided in section 17A.4.

11 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 2 of this Act,
12 relating to the adoption of emergency rules, being
13 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon
14 enactment."

15 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the
16 word "optometry" the following: ", and providing an
17 effective date".

RECEIVED FROM THE HOUSE

S-5140 FILED MARCH 11, 2002

Senate Concurred
3-18-02
(P. 663)

SENATE FILE 374

H-8066

1 Amend Senate File 374, as passed by the Senate, as
2 follows:

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4 clause and inserting the following:

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13 treatment of conditions of the human eye and adnexa,
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By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES
BODDICKER of Cedar, Chairperson

H-8066 FILED FEBRUARY 19, 2002

Adopted
3-11-02
(p. 685)

SENATE FILE 374

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION OF
THERAPEUTICALLY CERTIFIED OPTOMETRISTS ENGAGED IN THE
PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents approved by the United
States food and drug administration on or after July 1, 2002,
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human eye and adnexa. These The therapeutic efforts of a
therapeutically certified optometrist are intended for the
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MARY E. KRAMER
President of the Senate

BRENT SIEGRIST
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 374, Seventy-ninth General Assembly.

MICHAEL E. MARSHALL
Secretary of the Senate

Approved March 28, 2002

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor