

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 275—COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND LABOR

MARCH 11, 2003

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to dispensing opticians and optometrists. (BDR 54-1218)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to healing arts; eliminating the authority of a dispensing optician to perform the initial fitting of contact lenses; revising the requirements for an optometrist to be certified to treat persons diagnosed with glaucoma; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 630.375 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 630.375 1. The form for any prescription which is issued for
3 an ophthalmic lens by an ophthalmologist in this state must contain
4 lines or boxes in substantially the following form:

5
6 Approved for contact lenses..... _____
7 Not approved for contact lenses..... _____
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9 2. The prescribing ophthalmologist shall mark or check one of
10 the lines or boxes required by subsection 1 each time such a
11 prescription is issued by him.

12 3. If the prescription is for a contact lens, the form must set
13 forth the expiration date of the prescription, the number of refills
14 approved for the patient and such other information as is necessary
15 for the prescription to be filled properly.

16 4. The initial fitting of a contact lens must be performed by ~~E~~:



1 ~~—(a) A dispensing optician licensed pursuant to NRS 637.122; or~~
 2 ~~—(b) An~~ *an* ophthalmologist or optometrist licensed in this state.
 3 5. *As used in this section, “initial fitting” means measuring*
 4 *the health, integrity and refractive error of the eye to determine*
 5 *whether contacts may be approved pursuant to subsection 1.*

6 **Sec. 2.** NRS 636.2893 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 7 636.2893 The Board shall adopt regulations that prescribe the
 8 requirements for the issuance of a certificate to treat persons
 9 diagnosed with glaucoma pursuant to NRS 636.2895. The
 10 requirements must include, without limitation:

- 11 1. A license to practice optometry in this state;
- 12 2. The successful completion of the “Treatment and
 13 Management of Ocular Disease Examination” administered by the
 14 National Board of Examiners in Optometry on or after January 1,
 15 1993, or an equivalent examination approved by the Board; and
- 16 3. Proof that each optometrist who applies for a certificate has
 17 treated at least 15 persons who were:
 - 18 (a) Diagnosed with glaucoma by an ophthalmologist licensed in
 19 this state; and
 - 20 (b) Treated by the optometrist, in consultation with that
 21 ophthalmologist, for at least ~~[1-year.]~~ *12 consecutive months.*

22 **Sec. 3.** NRS 636.387 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 23 636.387 1. The form for any prescription which is issued for
 24 an ophthalmic lens by an optometrist in this state must contain lines
 25 or boxes in substantially the following form:

26
 27 Approved for contact lenses..... _____
 28 Not approved for contact lenses..... _____
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30 2. The prescribing optometrist shall mark or check one of the
 31 lines or boxes required by subsection 1 each time such a prescription
 32 is issued by him.

33 3. If the prescription is for a contact lens, the form must set
 34 forth the expiration date of the prescription, the number of refills
 35 approved for the patient and such other information as is necessary
 36 for the prescription to be filled properly.

37 4. The initial fitting of a contact lens must be performed by ~~[-~~
 38 ~~—(a) A dispensing optician licensed pursuant to NRS 637.122; or~~
 39 ~~—(b) An~~ *an* ophthalmologist or optometrist licensed in this state.

40 5. *As used in this section, “initial fitting” means measuring*
 41 *the health, integrity and refractive error of the eye to determine*
 42 *whether contacts may be approved pursuant to subsection 1.*

