

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2296

By: Roach

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to professions and occupations;  
amending 59 O.S. 1991, Section 581, as amended by  
Section 1, Chapter 52, O.S.L. 1994 (59 O.S. Supp.  
1997, Section 581), which relates to the practice  
of optometry; clarifying language; and providing an  
effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 581, as  
amended by Section 1, Chapter 52, O.S.L. 1994 (59 O.S. Supp. 1997,  
Section 581), is amended to read as follows:

Section 581. The "practice of optometry" is defined ~~to be~~ as  
the science and art of examining the human eye and measurement of  
the powers of vision by the employment of any means, including the  
use or furnishing of any self-testing device, the use of any  
computerized or automatic refracting device, the use of  
pharmaceutical agents, the diagnosis of conditions of the human eye  
and the correcting and relief of ocular abnormalities by means  
including but not limited to prescribing and adaptation of lenses,  
contact lenses, spectacles, eyeglasses, prisms and the employment of  
visual training or orthoptics for the aid thereof. The practice of

optometry shall also include the prescribing of dangerous drugs and controlled dangerous substances for all schedules specified in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act except Schedules I and II for the purpose of diagnosis and treatment of ocular abnormalities. ~~Provided, however, the~~ The practice of optometry shall not include the dispensing of drugs. ~~This~~ Provided, however, this shall not preclude the dispensing of professional samples to patients.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

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