

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2865

By: Wells

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; prohibiting certain actions of other state boards; 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. A. The practice of optometry is defined to be 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.

B. Provided, however, the practice of optometry shall not include the dispensing of drugs. This shall not preclude the dispensing of professional samples to patients.

C. Nothing in this act shall allow other state boards to determine what constitutes the practice of optometry.

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

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