

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2608

By: Benson, Braddock,
Deutschendorf, Glover and
Kirby of the House

and

Helton of the Senate

An Act relating to state insurance; directing the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council and the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board to offer certain vision plans; requiring vision plans be offered as a pretax benefit; providing for submission of rates and benefits; requiring administrative fees be applied equally; prohibiting additional requirements for vision plans; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1374 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

For the plan year beginning January 1, 2003, and for each year thereafter, the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council and the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board shall offer any vision plan with a statewide network which is licensed by the Oklahoma Insurance Department, certified by the Oklahoma State Department of Health, or licensed as a third-party administrator by the Oklahoma Insurance Department to qualified employees and their dependents as a pretax benefit. Any vision plan wishing to participate for the next plan year shall submit premium rates and benefits to the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council and the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board by August 15 of each year. Any administrative fees imposed by the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council or the Oklahoma State and

Education Employees Group Insurance Board shall be applied equally to all qualified vision plans. There shall be no additional requirements imposed on a vision plan other than the proper licensing or certification by the appropriate state agency.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2002.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 26th day of February, 2002.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2002.

Presiding Officer of the Senate