

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 10, 2014

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1789

By: Bingman, Sharp and Johnson
(Constance) of the Senate

4 and

5 Osborn of the House
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8 An Act relating to optometry; amending 59 O.S. 2011,
9 Section 581, which relates to definitions; allowing
10 prescription of hydrocodone for certain purposes; and
11 providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 581, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 581. A. The practice of optometry is defined to be the
16 science and art of examining the human eye and measurement of the
17 powers of vision by the employment of any means, including the use
18 or furnishing of any self-testing device, the use of any
19 computerized or automatic refracting device, the use of
20 pharmaceutical agents, the diagnosis of conditions of the human eye,
21 and the correcting and relief of ocular abnormalities by means
22 including but not limited to prescribing and adaptation of lenses,
23 contact lenses, spectacles, eyeglasses, prisms and the employment of
24 vision therapy or orthoptics for the aid thereof, low vision

1 rehabilitation, laser surgery procedures, excluding retina, laser
2 in-situ keratomileusis (LASIK), and cosmetic lid surgery. The
3 practice of optometry is further defined to be nonlaser surgery
4 procedures as authorized by the Oklahoma Board of Examiners in
5 Optometry, pursuant to rules promulgated under the Administrative
6 Procedures Act.

7 B. The practice of optometry shall also include the prescribing
8 of dangerous drugs and controlled dangerous substances for all
9 schedules specified in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances
10 Act except Schedules I and II but allowing for the prescribing of
11 hydrocodone or hydrocodone-containing drugs regardless of schedule
12 for the purpose of diagnosis and treatment of ocular abnormalities.
13 The practice of optometry shall not include the dispensing of drugs
14 but may include the dispensing of professional samples to patients.

15 C. Optometrists shall be certified by the Board of Examiners in
16 Optometry prior to administering drugs, prescribing drugs, or
17 performing laser or nonlaser surgery procedures.

18 D. Nothing in this title shall be construed as allowing any
19 agency, board, or other entity of this state other than the Board of
20 Examiners in Optometry to determine what constitutes the practice of
21 optometry.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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