

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1611

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to optometry; amending 59 O.S. 2011,  
8 Section 581, which relates to definitions; clarifying  
language; and providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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