

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1163

By: Schulz of the Senate

and

Wright of the House

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6 An Act relating to optometry; amending 59 O.S. 2011,
7 Section 581, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 140,
8 O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 581), which
9 relates to definitions; broadening certain definition
10 to include certain acts; and providing an effective
11 date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 581, as
14 amended by Section 1, Chapter 140, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2015,
15 Section 581), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 581. A. The practice of optometry is defined to be the
17 science and art of examining the human eye and measurement of the
18 powers of vision by the employment of any means, including the use
19 or furnishing of any self-testing device, the use of any
20 computerized or automatic refracting device, including applications
21 designed to be used on a computer or video conferencing via an
22 Internet device either in person or in remote locations, the use of
23 pharmaceutical agents, the diagnosis of conditions of the human eye,
24 and the correcting and relief of ocular abnormalities by means
including but not limited to prescribing and adaptation of lenses,

1 contact lenses, spectacles, eyeglasses, prisms and the employment of
2 vision therapy or orthoptics for the aid thereof, low vision
3 rehabilitation, laser surgery procedures, excluding retina, laser
4 in-situ keratomileusis (LASIK), and cosmetic lid surgery. The
5 practice of optometry is further defined to be nonlaser surgery
6 procedures as authorized by the Oklahoma Board of Examiners in
7 Optometry, pursuant to rules promulgated under the Administrative
8 Procedures Act.

9 B. The practice of optometry shall also include the prescribing
10 of dangerous drugs and controlled dangerous substances for all
11 schedules specified in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances
12 Act except Schedules I and II but allowing for the prescribing of
13 hydrocodone or hydrocodone-containing drugs regardless of schedule
14 for a period not exceeding five (5) days of supply, and the issuance
15 of refills for such prescriptions following sufficient physical
16 examination of the patient for the purpose of diagnosis and
17 treatment of ocular abnormalities. The practice of optometry shall
18 not include the dispensing of drugs but may include the dispensing
19 of professional samples to patients.

20 C. The scope of the delivery of care as defined in subsections
21 A and B of this section to an individual who is physically located
22 in this state at the time care is delivered shall constitute the
23 practice of optometry.

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