

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1163

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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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, the use of
21 pharmaceutical agents, the diagnosis of conditions of the human eye,
22 and the correcting and relief of ocular abnormalities by means
23 including but not limited to prescribing and adaptation of lenses,
24 contact lenses, spectacles, eyeglasses, prisms and the employment of

1 vision therapy or orthoptics for the aid thereof, low vision
2 rehabilitation, laser surgery procedures, excluding retina, laser
3 in-situ keratomileusis (LASIK), and cosmetic lid surgery. The
4 delivery of care by any means to a patient who is physically located
5 in this state at the time care is delivered shall constitute the
6 practice of optometry. The practice of optometry is further defined
7 to be nonlaser surgery procedures as authorized by the Oklahoma
8 Board of Examiners in Optometry, pursuant to rules promulgated under
9 the Administrative Procedures Act.

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

21 C. Optometrists shall be certified by the Board of Examiners in
22 Optometry prior to administering drugs, prescribing drugs, or
23 performing laser or nonlaser surgery procedures.
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1 D. Nothing in this title shall be construed as allowing any
2 agency, board, or other entity of this state other than the Board of
3 Examiners in Optometry to determine what constitutes the practice of
4 optometry.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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