

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2999

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CATON.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 336.010, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the practice of optometry.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 336.010, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 336.010, to read as follows:

336.010. 1. The "practice of optometry" is the examination, diagnosis, treatment, and preventative care of the eye, adnexa, and vision. The practice includes, but is not limited to:

3       (1) The examination of the eye, adnexa, and vision to determine the accommodative and refractive states, visual perception, conditions, and diseases;

5       (2) The diagnosis and treatment of conditions or diseases of the eye, adnexa, and vision;

7       (3) The performance of diagnostic procedures and ordering of laboratory and imaging tests for the diagnosis of vision and conditions and diseases of the eye and adnexa;

9       (4) The prescription and administration of pharmaceutical agents, **including epinephrine delivery devices but** excluding injectable agents, for the purpose of examination, diagnosis, and treatment of vision and conditions or diseases of the eye and adnexa;

13      (5) **The performance of the following procedures:**

14      (a) The removal of superficial foreign bodies from the eye or adnexa;

15      (b) **The removal of embedded foreign bodies from the eye or eyelid;**

16      (c) **The removal of corneal foreign bodies with or without a slit lamp and that are equal to or less than one-third depth off the visual axis;**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [~~thus~~] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18                   **(d) The removal of damaged or loose corneal epithelium without the use of a**  
19                   **blade;**  
20                   **(e) Epilation only by forceps;**  
21                   **(f) The expression of conjunctival follicles;**  
22                   **(g) The placement of punctal plugs;**  
23                   **(h) The placement of bandage contact lenses;**  
24                   **(i) The placement of self-retaining amniotic membranes;**  
25                   **(j) Procedures relating to the treatment of blepharitis;**  
26                   **(k) Procedures relating to the treatment of meibomian gland disease;**  
27                   **(l) The therapeutic release of aqueous through a preexisting wound; and**  
28                   **(m) The application of ultraviolet light for components of collagen crosslinking**  
29                   **or light adjustable lens;**

30                   (6) The employment of objective or subjective mechanical means to determine the  
31                   accommodative or refractive states of the human eye;

32                   (7) The prescription or adaptation of lenses, prisms, devices, or ocular exercises to  
33                   correct defects or abnormal conditions of the human eye or vision or to adjust the human eye  
34                   to special conditions;

35                   (8) The prescription and fitting of ophthalmic or contact lenses and devices;  
36                   (9) The prescription and administration of vision therapy; and  
37                   (10) The prescription and administration of low vision care.

38                   2. An optometrist may not perform surgery, including the use of lasers for treatment  
39                   of any disease or condition or for the correction of refractive error.

40                   3. As used in this chapter, except as the context may otherwise require, the following  
41                   terms mean:

42                   (1) "Eye", the human eye;  
43                   (2) "Adnexa", all structures adjacent to the eye and the conjunctiva, lids, lashes, and  
44                   lacrimal system;

45                   (3) "Board", the Missouri state board of optometry;  
46                   (4) "Diagnostic pharmaceutical agents", topically applied pharmaceuticals used for  
47                   the purpose of conducting an examination of the eye, adnexa, and vision;

48                   (5) "Low vision care", the examination, treatment, and management of patients with  
49                   visual impairments not treatable by conventional eyewear or contact lenses and may include a  
50                   vision rehabilitation program to enhance remaining vision skills;

51                   (6) "Pharmaceutical agents", any diagnostic and therapeutic drug or combination of  
52                   drugs that assist the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, or mitigation of abnormal conditions or  
53                   symptoms of the human eye, adnexa, and vision;

54 (7) "Therapeutic pharmaceutical agents", those pharmaceuticals, excluding injectable  
55 agents, used for the treatment of conditions or diseases of the eye, adnexa, and vision;

56 (8) "Vision therapy", a treatment regimen to improve a patient's diagnosed visual  
57 dysfunctions, prevent the development of visual problems, or enhance visual performance to  
58 meet the defined needs of the patient.

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