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Proposed Amendment to AB 275

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 275—COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND LABOR

MARCH 11, 2003

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Eliminates authority of dispensing optician to fit contact lenses. (BDR 54-1218)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

Green numbers along left margin indicate location on the printed bill (e.g., 5-15 indicates page 5, line 15).

AN ACT relating to dispensing opticians; eliminating the authority of a dispensing optician to fit contact lenses; repealing the provision providing for a license for a dispensing optician to fit contact lenses; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1-1 **Section 1.** NRS 630.375 is hereby amended to read as follows:
1-2 630.375 1. The form for any prescription which is issued for
1-3 an ophthalmic lens by an ophthalmologist in this state must
contain lines or boxes in substantially the following form:

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SUBMITTED BY: ALFRED ALONSO

1-5 Approved for contact lenses.....

1-6 Not approved for contact lenses.....

1-7 2. The prescribing ophthalmologist shall mark or check one of
1-8 the lines or boxes required by subsection 1 each time such a
1-9 prescription is issued by him.

1-10 3. If the prescription is for a contact lens, the form must set
1-11 forth the expiration date of the prescription, the number of refills
1-12 approved for the patient and such other information as is
necessary for the prescription to be filled properly.

1-14 4. The initial fitting of a contact lens must be performed by a

2-1 ~~(a) A dispensing optician licensed pursuant to NRS 637.122; or~~
2-2 ~~(b) An~~ **an** ophthalmologist or optometrist licensed in this state.

5. As used in this section, "initial fitting" means measuring the health, integrity and refractive error of the eye to determine whether contacts may be approved pursuant to subsection 1.

2-3 **Sec. 2.** NRS 636.387 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2-4 636.387 1. The form for any prescription which is issued for
2-5 an ophthalmic lens by an optometrist in this state must contain
lines or boxes in substantially the following form:

2-7 Approved for contact lenses.....

2-8 Not approved for contact lenses.....

2-9 2. The prescribing optometrist shall mark or check one of the
2-10 lines or boxes required by subsection 1 each time such a
prescription is issued by him.

2-12 3. If the prescription is for a contact lens, the form must set
2-13 forth the expiration date of the prescription, the number of refills
2-14 approved for the patient and such other information as is
necessary for the prescription to be filled properly.

2-16 4. The initial fitting of a contact lens must be performed by ~~the~~
2-17 ~~(a) A dispensing optician licensed pursuant to NRS 637.122;~~
~~or~~

2-18 ~~(b) An~~ **an** ophthalmologist or optometrist licensed in this
state.

5. The term "initial fitting" as used in this section means measuring the health, integrity and refractive error of the eye for the purpose of determining whether contacts may be approved pursuant to subsection 1.

**DELETE SECTIONS 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 AND THE
REPEAL OF NRS 637.122 FROM AB 275.**