

Report Title:

Dispensing Opticians; Licensure; Non-corrective Contact Lenses

Description:

Specifies that a dispensing optician's license is required for the dispensing and fitting, upon written prescription, of non-corrective contact lenses and for the sale of or offer to sell non-corrective contact lenses.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE,
2008
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 3109

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISPENSING OPTICIANS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. Section 458-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§458-1 Dispensing optician defined. An individual is deemed to be engaged in the occupation of dispensing optician when the individual prepares and dispenses lenses, spectacles, eyeglasses, or appurtenances thereto to the intended wearer thereof on written prescription from physicians or optometrists duly licensed to practice their professions, and in accordance with the prescriptions interprets, measures, adapts, fits, and adjusts the lenses,

spectacles, eyeglasses, or appurtenances thereto to the human face based on the prescription or for the aid or correction of visual or ocular anomalies of the human eyes[-], or when the individual offers to sell or sells non-corrective contact lenses."

SECTION 2. Section 458-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) Nothing in this chapter applies to any physician, optometrist, or ophthalmologist licensed under the laws of the State, nor shall anything in this chapter [~~contained~~] prohibit the sale of glasses, sun glasses, colored glasses, or [~~occupational~~] eye devices if they do not have refractive values[-] and are not contact lenses."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

INTRODUCED BY: _____

BY REQUEST