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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 169, L.D. 556, Bill,
"AN ACT to Further the Conservation of Vision."

Amend said Bill in section 4 by striking out all
of that part designated "§2427." and inserting in place
thereof the following:

'§2427. Diagnostic drug license

Every presently licensed optometrist before using diagnostic
drugs in his practice shall:

1. Have satisfactorily completed a course and passed
an examination in general and ocular pharmacology as it applies
to optometry approved by the board and by the Commissioner
of Health and Welfare.

2. Upon satisfying the foregoing requirements, an
optometrist shall be granted a diagnostic drug license.'

Statement of Fact

The bill provides that the Department of Health
and Welfare designate the specific drugs to be used by optometrists,
but it does not provide that the department play a role in the

determination of which optometrists can use these drugs. This amendment requires licensed optometrists who want to use diagnostic drugs to complete a course and pass an examination not only approved by the Board of Optometry, but also approved by the department.

Filed by Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick.

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