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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1415, L.D. 1967, Bill, "An Act Concerning Contact Lenses"

Amend the bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) the following: 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend the bill in paragraph B by striking out all of the last sentence (page 1, lines 26 to 28 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following: 'At the patient's request, the optometrist shall, upon completion of the fitting process, provide the patient with a copy of that patient's contact lens specifications. The optometrist shall indicate on the copy the length of time for which the contact lens specifications are valid. Contact lenses based on these specifications may only be provided by persons employing a person licensed to provide lens specifications, or employing a licensed pharmacist or an optician. The person providing the contact lenses to the patient based on the patient's specifications shall, within 24 hours, forward to the issuing optometrist notification that the contact lenses have been provided and any other information the board requires.'

Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

'Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §3299-A is enacted to read:

§3299-A. Contact lenses

At the patient's request, any person regulated by this chapter who fits a patient with contact lenses shall, upon

2 completion of the fitting process, provide the patient with a
3 copy of that patient's contact lens specifications. The
4 specifications must include the length of time for which they are
5 valid. Contact lenses based on these specifications may only be
6 provided by persons employing a person licensed to provide lens
7 specifications, or employing a licensed pharmacist or an
8 optician. The person providing the contact lenses to the patient
9 based on the patient's specifications shall, within 24 hours,
10 forward to the person issuing the specifications notification
11 that the contact lenses have been provided and any other
12 information the board requires.'

14 STATEMENT OF FACT

16 The original bill required that optometrists provide
17 patients with a copy of their contact lens prescriptions. This
18 amendment uses the more accurate term "specifications," rather
19 than the term "prescriptions." It also requires an optometrist
20 to provide specifications only when the fitting process is
21 complete and requires the person providing the lenses to notify
22 the optometrist issuing them. The amendment also extends these
23 requirements to ophthalmologists. It limits those persons who
24 may fill lens prescriptions to persons licensed to do so and
25 organizations who employ either a pharmacist or an optician.
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