

Senate File 592

H-1290

1 Amend the amendment, H-1277, to Senate File 592, as passed by  
2 the Senate, as follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 2, by striking <line 32.> and inserting  
4 <line 32, and inserting:

5 <DIVISION \_\_\_\_

6 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS — MEDICAID APPROVED PROVIDERS>>

7 2. Page 1, after line 2 by inserting:

8 <\_\_\_\_. Page 17, after line 8 by inserting:

9 <DIVISION \_\_\_\_

10 PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY

11 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 154.1, subsection 3, Code 2019, is amended  
12 to read as follows:

13 3. *a.* An optometrist licensed under [this chapter](#) may employ  
14 all diagnostic and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents for the  
15 purpose of diagnosis and treatment of conditions of the human  
16 eye and adnexa pursuant to [this subsection](#), ~~excluding the~~  
17 ~~use of injections other than to counteract an anaphylactic~~  
18 ~~reaction, and notwithstanding [section 147.107](#)~~, may without  
19 charge supply any of the above pharmaceuticals to commence a  
20 course of therapy. A licensed optometrist may perform minor  
21 surgical procedures and use medications for the diagnosis and  
22 treatment of diseases, disorders, and conditions of the eye and  
23 adnexa. A Notwithstanding paragraph "b", a license to practice  
24 optometry under [this chapter](#) does not authorize the performance  
25 of surgical procedures which require the use of injectable  
26 or general anesthesia, moderate sedation, penetration of the  
27 globe, or the use of ophthalmic lasers for the purpose of  
28 ophthalmic surgery within or upon the globe. The removal of  
29 pterygia and Salzmann's nodules, incisional corneal refractive  
30 surgery, and strabismus surgery are prohibited.

31 *b.* (1) A licensed optometrist may administer only the  
32 following injections:

33 (a) Sub-conjunctival injections for the medical treatment  
34 of the eye.

35 (b) Intra-lesional injections for the treatment of

1 chalazia.

2 (c) Local anesthetic for the purpose of draining an eyelid  
3 abscess.

4 (d) Injections to counteract an anaphylactic reaction.

5 (2) An optometrist shall not administer any injection prior  
6 to receiving approval from the board.

7 (3) The board shall not approve the use of injections  
8 other than to counteract an anaphylactic reaction unless the  
9 optometrist demonstrates to the board sufficient educational  
10 or clinical training from a college or university accredited  
11 by a regional or professional accreditation organization which  
12 is recognized or approved by the council for higher education  
13 accreditation or by the United States department of education  
14 or clinical training equivalent to clinical training offered  
15 by such an institution. A license granted to an applicant who  
16 graduated from an accredited school of optometry and who passed  
17 the injections skills examination of the national board of  
18 examiners in optometry examination on or after January 1, 2011  
19 shall constitute proof of sufficient educational or clinical  
20 training.

21 ~~b.~~ c. A licensed optometrist may employ and,  
22 notwithstanding section 147.107, supply pharmaceutical-  
23 delivering contact lenses for the purpose of treatment of  
24 conditions of the human eye and adnexa. For purposes of  
25 this paragraph, "*pharmaceutical-delivering contact lenses*"  
26 means contact lenses that contain one or more therapeutic  
27 pharmaceutical agents authorized for employment by [this section](#)  
28 for the purpose of treatment of conditions of the human eye and  
29 adnexa and that deliver such agents into the wearer's eye.

30 ~~e.~~ d. A licensed optometrist may prescribe oral steroids  
31 for a period not to exceed fourteen days without consultation  
32 with a physician.

33 ~~d.~~ e. A licensed optometrist may be authorized, where  
34 reasonable and appropriate, by rule of the board, to employ new  
35 diagnostic and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents approved by

1 the United States food and drug administration on or after July  
2 1, 2002, for the diagnosis and treatment of the human eye and  
3 adnexa.

4 ~~e.~~ f. The board is not required to adopt rules relating to  
5 topical pharmaceutical agents, oral antimicrobial agents, oral  
6 antihistamines, oral antiglaucoma agents, and oral analgesic  
7 agents. A licensed optometrist may remove superficial foreign  
8 bodies from the human eye and adnexa.

9 ~~f.~~ g. The therapeutic efforts of a licensed optometrist  
10 are intended for the purpose of examination, diagnosis, and  
11 treatment of visual defects, abnormal conditions, and diseases  
12 of the human eye and adnexa, for proper optometric practice  
13 or referral for consultation or treatment to persons licensed  
14 under [chapter 148](#).

15 ~~g.~~ h. A licensed optometrist is an optometrist who is  
16 licensed to practice optometry in this state and who is  
17 certified by the board to use the agents and procedures  
18 authorized pursuant to [this subsection](#).>>

19 3. Page 1, line 4, after <to> by inserting <the practice  
20 of certain health care professions including the practice of  
21 optometry and>

22 4. By renumbering as necessary.

---

BOSSMAN of Woodbury