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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to optometrist licensure requirement exemptions  
2 for out-of-state volunteers.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 154.11 VOLUNTEER EXEMPTION.

2 The licensure requirements contained in section 154.3 shall  
3 not apply if an optometrist possessing a current and valid  
4 optometrist license issued in another state provides volunteer  
5 optometric services in this state to a nonprofit organization  
6 rendering services to the visually impaired. Allegations of  
7 professional misconduct, malpractice, mental or physical  
8 impairment, ethical violation, or any practice harmful or  
9 detrimental to the public, however, shall be subject to review  
10 by the board of optometry examiners. The board may, in its  
11 discretion, refer such allegations to the corresponding  
12 licensing authority in the state in which the volunteer has  
13 been licensed, or alternatively may enjoin the volunteer from  
14 providing further volunteer optometric service pursuant to  
15 section 147.83.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill provides that a licensed optometrist from another  
18 state providing volunteer services to a nonprofit organization  
19 serving the visually impaired need not be licensed in this  
20 state. Allegations of malpractice, misconduct, ethical  
21 violation, or practices harmful or detrimental to the public  
22 shall be subject to state board of optometry review. The  
23 board may, in its discretion, refer such allegations to the  
24 licensing authority in the volunteer's state of licensure, or  
25 enjoin the volunteer from providing further volunteer  
26 optometric services pursuant to section 147.83.

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