

House File 2199 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 507)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act to allow therapeutically certified optometrists to
- 2 supply pharmaceutical-delivering contact lenses.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 147.108, subsection 2, Code 2009, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. After contact lenses have been adequately adapted and
4 the patient released from initial follow-up care by a person
5 licensed under chapter 148 or 154, the patient may request
6 a copy, at no cost, of the contact lens prescription from
7 that licensed person. A person licensed under chapter 148 or
8 154 shall not withhold a contact lens prescription after the
9 requirements of this section have been met. The prescription,
10 at the option of the prescriber, may be given orally only to a
11 person who is actively practicing and licensed under chapter
12 148, 154, or 155A. The contact lens prescription shall contain
13 an expiration date, at the discretion of the prescriber, but
14 not to exceed eighteen months. The contact lens prescription
15 shall contain the necessary requirements of the ophthalmic
16 lens, and the prescription validation requirements as defined
17 by rules adopted pursuant to this section. The prescription
18 may contain adapting and material guidelines and may also
19 contain specific instructions for use by the patient. For
20 the purpose of this section, "*ophthalmic lens*" means one which
21 has been fabricated to fill the requirements of a particular
22 contact lens prescription, including pharmaceutical-delivering
23 contact lenses as defined in section 154.1, subsection 4.

24 Sec. 2. Section 154.1, subsection 4, Code 2009, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 4. a. Therapeutically certified optometrists may employ
27 all diagnostic and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents for the
28 purpose of diagnosis and treatment of conditions of the human
29 eye and adnexa pursuant to this subsection, excluding the
30 use of injections other than to counteract an anaphylactic
31 reaction, and notwithstanding section 147.107, may without
32 charge supply any of the above pharmaceuticals to commence a
33 course of therapy.

34 b. Therapeutically certified optometrists may
35 employ and, notwithstanding section 147.107, supply

1 pharmaceutical-delivering contact lenses for the purpose
2 of treatment of conditions of the human eye and adnexa.
3 For purposes of this paragraph, "pharmaceutical-delivering
4 contact lenses" means contact lenses that contain one or more
5 therapeutic pharmaceutical agents authorized for employment
6 by this section for the purpose of treatment of conditions of
7 the human eye and adnexa and that deliver such agents into the
8 wearer's eye.

9 c. Therapeutically certified optometrists may prescribe
10 oral steroids for a period not to exceed fourteen days
11 without consultation with a physician. Therapeutically
12 certified optometrists shall not prescribe oral Imuran or oral
13 Methotrexate.

14 d. Therapeutically certified optometrists may be authorized,
15 where reasonable and appropriate, by rule of the board, to
16 employ new diagnostic and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents
17 approved by the United States food and drug administration on
18 or after July 1, 2002, for the diagnosis and treatment of the
19 human eye and adnexa.

20 e. The board shall not be required to adopt rules relating
21 to topical pharmaceutical agents, oral antimicrobial agents,
22 oral antihistamines, oral antiglaucoma agents, and oral
23 analgesic agents. Superficial foreign bodies may be removed
24 from the human eye and adnexa.

25 f. The therapeutic efforts of a therapeutically certified
26 optometrist are intended for the purpose of examination,
27 diagnosis, and treatment of visual defects, abnormal
28 conditions, and diseases of the human eye and adnexa, for
29 proper optometric practice or referral for consultation or
30 treatment to persons licensed under chapter 148.

31 g. A therapeutically certified optometrist is an optometrist
32 who is licensed to practice optometry in this state and who
33 is certified by the board to use the agents and procedures
34 authorized pursuant to this subsection.

EXPLANATION

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2 Code section 154.1 authorizes therapeutically certified
3 optometrists to employ all diagnostic and therapeutic
4 pharmaceutical agents for the purpose of diagnosis and
5 treatment of conditions of the human eye and adnexa. This
6 bill allows therapeutically certified optometrists to also
7 supply therapeutic contact lenses for the purpose of treatment
8 of conditions of the human eye and adnexa. The bill defines
9 these lenses as contact lenses that contain one or more of the
10 authorized therapeutic pharmaceutical agents and that deliver
11 the agents into the wearer's eye.
12 The bill makes a conforming amendment to Code section
13 147.108, relating to contact lens prescribing and dispensing.