

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1277

Short Title: Optometry Students.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Nesbitt; N. Crawford and Greenwood.

Referred to: Human Resources.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY BY STUDENTS
2 ENROLLED AT APPROVED SCHOOLS OR COLLEGES UNDER
3 SUPERVISION OF LICENSED OR QUALIFIED OPTOMETRISTS DOES NOT
4 VIOLATE THE OPTOMETRY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. G.S. 90-115.1(3) reads as rewritten:

8 "(3) The practice of optometry by students enrolled in optometry schools or colleges
9 ~~in this State~~ approved by the North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry ~~by~~
10 ~~students enrolled in such schools or colleges~~ when such practice is performed as a part
11 of ~~their~~ the student's course of instruction and instruction, is under the direct supervision
12 of an optometrist who is either duly licensed in North Carolina or qualified under
13 subdivision (2) above as a ~~teacher~~ teacher, and is conducted in accordance with such
14 rules as may be established for such practice by the North Carolina State Board of
15 Examiners in Optometry. Additionally, the practice of optometry by such students at
16 any location upon patients or inmates of institutions wholly owned or operated by the
17 State of North Carolina or any political subdivision or subdivisions thereof when, in the
18 opinion of the dean of such optometry school or college or his designee, the student's
19 optometric education and experience is adequate therefor, subject to review and
20 approval by the said Board of Examiners in Optometry, and such practice is a part of the
21 course of instruction of such students, is performed under the supervision of a duly
22 licensed optometrist acting as a teacher or instructor and is without remuneration except
23 for expenses and subsistence as defined and permitted by the rules and regulations of
24 said Board of Examiners in Optometry."

1 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.