

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2680

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8 An Act relating to professions and occupations;  
9 amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 581, as last amended  
10 by Section 1, Chapter 54, O.S.L. 2020 (59 O.S. Supp.  
11 2020, Section 581), which relates to the practice of  
12 optometry; modifying scope of practice; and providing  
13 an effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 581, as last  
16 amended by Section 1, Chapter 54, O.S.L. 2020 (59 O.S. Supp. 2020,  
17 Section 581), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 581. A. The practice of optometry is defined to be the  
19 science and art of examining the human eye and measurement of the  
20 powers of vision by the employment of any means, including the use  
21 or furnishing of any self-testing device, the use of any  
22 computerized or automatic refracting device, including applications  
23 designed to be used on a computer or video conferencing via an  
24 Internet device either in person or in remote locations, the use of  
pharmaceutical agents, the diagnosis of conditions of the human eye,

1 and the correcting and relief of ocular abnormalities by means  
2 including but not limited to prescribing and adaptation of lenses,  
3 contact lenses, spectacles, eyeglasses, prisms and the employment of  
4 vision therapy or orthoptics for the aid thereof, low vision  
5 rehabilitation, laser surgery procedures, excluding retina, laser  
6 in-situ keratomileusis (LASIK), and cosmetic lid surgery. The  
7 practice of optometry is further defined to be nonlaser surgery  
8 procedures as authorized by the Oklahoma Board of Examiners in  
9 Optometry, pursuant to rules promulgated under the Administrative  
10 Procedures Act.

11 B. The practice of optometry shall also include the prescribing  
12 of dangerous drugs and controlled dangerous substances for all  
13 schedules specified in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances  
14 Act except Schedules I and II but allowing for the prescribing of  
15 hydrocodone or hydrocodone-containing drugs regardless of schedule  
16 for a period not exceeding five (5) days of supply, and the issuance  
17 of refills for such prescriptions following sufficient physical  
18 examination of the patient for the purpose of diagnosis and  
19 treatment of ocular abnormalities. The practice of optometry shall  
20 include the dispensing of ~~drugs~~ medications to treat ocular  
21 abnormalities and may include the dispensing of professional samples  
22 of medications to treat ocular abnormalities to patients.

23 C. The scope of the delivery of care as defined in subsections  
24 A and B of this section to an individual who is physically located

1 in this state at the time care is delivered shall constitute the  
2 practice of optometry.

3 D. Optometrists shall be certified by the Board of Examiners in  
4 Optometry prior to administering drugs, prescribing drugs, or  
5 performing laser or nonlaser surgery procedures.

6 E. Nothing in this title shall be construed as allowing any  
7 agency, board, or other entity of this state other than the Board of  
8 Examiners in Optometry to determine what constitutes the practice of  
9 optometry.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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