SENATE BILL NO. 78 am H

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Amended: 4/11/00
Introduced: 2/18/99

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to the use and prescription of pharmaceutical agents in the practice of optometry."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 08.72.175(a) is amended to read:

(a) The board may issue a license endorsement authorizing a licensee to prescribe and use the pharmaceutical agents described in AS 08.72.272, if the licensee or applicant for a license passes the written and practical portions of an examination on ocular pharmacology, approved by the board, that tests the licensee's or the applicant's knowledge of the characteristics, pharmacological effects, indications, contraindications, and emergency care associated with the prescription and use of pharmaceutical agents. The endorsement expires at the same time as the license to which it attaches. The endorsement may be renewed upon satisfactory completion of continuing education requirements established by the board by regulation. The board shall solicit the recommendations of the State Medical Board concerning the
written and practical examination required under this subsection and concerning
the continuing education requirements that should be applicable to licensees with
endorsements under this subsection.

* Sec. 2. AS 08.72.272(a) is amended to read:

(a) A licensee may prescribe and use a pharmaceutical agent, including a
controlled substance, in the practice of optometry if
(1) the pharmaceutical agent is not included on schedule IA or IIA
under AS 11.71;
(2) the pharmaceutical agent is related to the diagnosis and
treatment of [A DRUG TOPICALLY APPLIED TO] the human eye and its
appendages, including the treatment of anaphylaxis; and
(3) the person holds a license endorsement issued by the board
authorizing the prescription and use of pharmaceutical agents.