

**SENATE BILL NO. 162**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY SENATOR OLSON**

**Introduced: 2/7/14**

**Referred: Health and Social Services**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act authorizing a licensed optometrist to prescribe a pharmaceutical agent**  
2   **containing hydrocodone."**

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

4    \* **Section 1.** AS 08.72.272(a) is amended to read:

5           (a) A licensee may prescribe and use a pharmaceutical agent, including a  
6           controlled substance, in the practice of optometry if

7                   (1) the pharmaceutical agent

8                           (A) is prescribed and used for the treatment of ocular disease or  
9                           conditions, ocular adnexal disease or conditions, or emergency anaphylaxis;

10                           (B) is not a schedule IA, IIA, or VIA controlled substance;  
11                           however, notwithstanding this paragraph, a licensee may prescribe and  
12                           use a pharmaceutical agent containing hydrocodone;

13                           (C) is prescribed in a quantity that does not exceed four days of  
14                           prescribed use if it is a controlled substance;

- 1 (D) is not injected into the ocular globe of the eye; and  
2 (E) is not a derivative of clostridium botulinum; and  
3 (2) the licensee  
4 (A) has a physician-patient relationship, as defined by the  
5 board in regulations adopted under this chapter, with the person to whom the  
6 pharmaceutical agent is prescribed; and  
7 (B) has on file with the department the licensee's current  
8 federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration number that is valid for  
9 the controlled substance prescribed or used.