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TO: HB 309

1 Page 1, lines 1 - 2:

2 Delete "**the delegation of routine services of optometry**"

3 Insert "**optometric assistants**"

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5 Page 1, line 4, through page 2, line 8:

6 Delete all material.

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8 Page 2, line 9:

9 Delete "**Sec. 2**"

10 Insert "**Section 1**"

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12 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

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14 Page 2, lines 10 - 11:

15 Delete "for the practice of routine services of optometry delegated under AS 08.72.050(7)"

16 Insert "as provided under AS 08.72.277"

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18 Page 2, lines 14 - 15:

19 Delete "for the practice of routine services of optometry delegated under AS 08.72.050(7)"

20 Insert "as provided under AS 08.72.277"

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1 Page 2, following line 23:

2 Insert a new bill section to read:

3 **** Sec. 2. AS 08.72 is amended by adding a new section to read:**

4 **Sec. 08.72.277. Optometric assistants.** (a) A licensee may employ one or
5 more optometric assistants.

6 (b) An optometric assistant acting under the responsibility and direct
7 supervision of an optometrist licensed under this chapter may

8 (1) fit prescription lenses;

9 (2) prepare patients for examination;

10 (3) collect preliminary patient data, including a patient history;

11 (4) perform simple noninvasive testing of visual acuity, pupils, and
12 ocular motility;

13 (5) perform automated visual field testing, ophthalmic photography,
14 digital imaging, tonometry, lensometry, nonsubjective auto refraction, pachymetry,
15 keratometry, A scan and B scan ultrasound testing, and electrodiagnostic testing;

16 (6) perform a preliminary subjective refraction procedure and use
17 appropriate equipment during the procedure, including a phoropter, trial lenses, and
18 retinoscope, if

19 (A) the optometric assistant has completed at least 45 hours of
20 documented training in subjective refraction procedures and the training has
21 been approved by the supervising licensee;

22 (B) the optometric assistant performs the procedure in
23 connection with

24 (i) finalizing subjective refraction procedures performed
25 by an ophthalmologist or supervising licensee; and

26 (ii) an examination performed by the supervising
27 licensee;

28 (C) the supervising licensee is physically present while the
29 procedure is performed; and

30 (D) the supervising licensee is not concurrently supervising
31 more than three optometric assistants while the procedure is performed; and

(7) administer, for ophthalmic purposes, cycloplegics, mydriatics, and topical anesthetics that are not controlled substances.

(c) In this section, "optometric assistant" means a person who provides clinical assistance to an optometrist."

6 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

8 Page 2, lines 27 - 28:

9 Delete "the practice of routine services of optometry delegated under
10 **AS 08.72.050(7)**"

11 Insert "**services offered under AS 08.72.277**"