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Senator Mia Costello
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State Capitol Room 510
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Dear Senator Costello:

In 2011 the Kentucky Legislature passed Senate Bill 110 or the "Better Access to Quality Eye Care" bill. The Kentucky law became effective on June 8, 2011 and constituted an expansion of Optometrists' scope of practice which allows Kentucky Optometrists to perform anterior laser procedures, remove benign lesions from the eyelid, and granted increase authority to allow medicines to be delivered by injections or other appropriate forms. To date the Kentucky Board of Optometric Examiners has credentialed over 250 Optometrists to perform these expanded therapeutic procedures. This law has been successful in delivering medical eye care to underserved areas of the state as Optometrists credentialed in expanded therapeutic procedures practice in 83 out of Kentucky's 120 counties.

To date there have been approximately 5000 laser and surgical procedures performed in Kentucky by Optometrists and the Board of Optometric Examiners has received no complaints and has not heard of any adverse outcomes relating to the performance of this expanded scope of practice.

We hope this information has been helpful and should you require any additional information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William T. Reynolds O.D.".

William T. Reynolds O.D.
Kentucky Board of Optometric Examiners