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Sectional Analysis

House Bill 103

Optometry & Optometrists

Notes differences between HB 103 v. U and SB 36 v. J

Section 1 - The Board of Examiners of Optometry will regulate prescriptive authority and develop standards for the practice of optometry. *No difference.*

Section 2 – The board will publish advisory opinions regarding standards for the practice of optometry. *Language was changed by the House Labor & Commerce committee: expanded to state that the Board of Examiners of Optometry will be allowed to publish advisory opinions to the public regarding whether the standards of practice of optometry comply with what is currently written in statute.*

Section 3 – The licensee must provide evidence that they have completed their continuing education hours during the preceding licensing period. *No difference.*

Section 4 – A licensee can prescribe pharmaceuticals in a manner that is consistent with board regulations and complies with the limitation on practice in section 5. *No difference.*

Section 5 – Limits an individual licensee to performing services that are within the scope of the licensee's education, training, and experience. *No difference in subsection (a). Subsections (b) and (c) were added in the House Finance committee: (b) added setting a limitation on performing ophthalmic surgery unless a licensee has received education and training from an accredited school of optometry and the procedure is authorized in regulations set by the Board of Examiners of Optometry. Subsection (c) has been added to define ophthalmic surgery.*

Section 6 – The definition of optometry has been updated. *No difference.*

Section 7 – Section 2 is effective July 17, 2017. *No difference.*

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