

AMENDMENT #5

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE  
TO: HB 309

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARRICK

- 1 Page 1, lines 1 - 2: (title amendment)  
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  
16 AS 08.72.050(7)"  
17 Insert "as provided under AS 08.72.277"  
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19 Page 2, lines 14 - 15:  
20 Delete "for the practice of routine services of optometry delegated under  
21 AS 08.72.050(7)"  
22 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, sell, and dispose of spectacles, eyeglasses, and lenses for the  
9 correction or relief of an optical or visual defect of the human eye;

10 (2) take, receive, and solicit an order for the fitting, sale, or disposition  
11 of spectacles, eyeglasses, and lenses for the correction or relief of an optical or visual  
12 defect of the human eye;

13 (3) sell spectacles, eyeglasses, and lenses from house to house or in the  
14 streets or highways;

15 (4) prepare patients for examination;

16 (5) collect preliminary patient data, including a patient history;

17 (6) perform simple noninvasive testing of visual acuity, pupils, and  
18 ocular motility;

19 (7) perform automated visual field testing, ophthalmic photography,  
20 digital imaging, tonometry, lensometry, nonsubjective auto refraction, pachymetry,  
21 keratometry, A scan and B scan ultrasound testing, and electrodiagnostic testing;

22 (8) perform a preliminary subjective refraction procedure and use  
23 appropriate equipment during the procedure, including a phoropter, trial lenses, and  
24 retinoscope, if

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

28 (B) the optometric assistant performs the procedure in  
29 connection with

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

1 (ii) an examination performed by the supervising  
2 licensee;

3 (C) the supervising licensee is physically present while the  
4 procedure is performed; and

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

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

9 (c) In this section, "optometric assistant" means a person who provides clinical  
10 assistance to an optometrist."  
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12 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.  
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14 Page 2, lines 27 - 28:

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

17 Insert "services offered under AS 08.72.277"