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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a plan for local fabrica-  
6 tion, fitting and repair of spectacles.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 WHEREAS it is the practice of private physicians under contract to the  
9 Alaska Native Health Service or the Department of Health and Welfare and of  
10 the physicians in the employ of these agencies to test the sight of indi-  
11 viduals throughout the state and to prescribe spectacles on the basis of  
12 these examinations; and

13 WHEREAS the measurements of patients' facial contours for suitable,  
14 attractive and safe frames is almost always left in the hands of those  
15 unskilled in the art of opticianry; and

16 WHEREAS present contracts between Alaska and major optical supply  
17 houses are based solely on price and result in the supplying of left-over,  
18 out-of-style, or unpopular frame styles; and

19 WHEREAS there is usually a lapse of up to six months between the  
20 time of examination and the time of receipt of the finished spectacles;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct  
22 the Department of Health and Welfare, with the cooperation and advice of the  
23 opticians in Alaska, the Alaska State Medical Association, the Alaska Native  
24 Health Service, the Alaska Optometric Association, and the Alaska Academy of  
25 Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, to draw up a plan for local fabrication,  
26 fitting, and repair of spectacles.

27 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Alaska State Medical  
28 Association, the Alaska Native Health Service, the Alaska Optometric Associ-  
29 ation, and the Alaska Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology.

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