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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 CS HOUSE BILL NO. 664 (Judiciary)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the practice of optometry."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 08.72.300(2) and (3) are amended to read:

9 (2) "optometry" is the employment of means or methods [,
10 OTHER THAN THE USE OF DRUGS,] for the diagnosis of an optical deficiency
11 or deformity, visual or muscular anomaly of the human eye, or the pre-
12 scription or application of lenses, prisms or ocular exercises for the
13 correction or relief of the human eye;

14 (3) "practicing optometry" means the diagnosis [, BY MEANS OR
15 METHODS OTHER THAN THE USE OF DRUGS,] of an optical deficiency or defor-
16 mity, visual or muscular anomaly of the human eye, or the prescription
17 of lenses, prisms or ocular exercises for the correction or relief of
18 the human eye, or the holding of oneself out as being able to do so;

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

20 Sec. 08.72.305. USE OF DRUGS FOR DIAGNOSIS. (a) No person prac-
21 ticing optometry may use drugs for diagnostic purposes unless he has

22 (1) passed the board's examination on the subject of pharma-
23 cology as it relates to optometry and the use of topically applied
24 diagnostic drugs; or

25 (2) completed a course approved by the board and offered by a
26 recognized school or college and passed an examination, given by that
27 school or college, which relates to topical application of drugs to the
28 eye.

29 (b) No person practicing optometry may administer drugs except for

1 a diagnostic purpose.

2 (c) Topical anesthetics, mydriatics, cycloplegics and myotics, may
3 be used for diagnostic purposes by a person practicing optometry under
4 conditions approved by the board.
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