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Original sponsor(s): HESS Committee by Request

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE HESS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 222 (HESS)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to optometrists."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 08.72.272(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) A licensee may use a pharmaceutical agent in the practice of
10 optometry if

11 (1) the pharmaceutical agent is

12 (A) a drug approved by the federal Food and Drug
13 Administration for topical application to the human eye [, USED
14 FOR EXAMINATION PURPOSES ONLY,] within the categories of

15 (i) topically applied ocular anesthetics, but not
16 including cocaine;

17 (ii) cycloplegics or mydriatics; [, BUT NOT IN-
18 CLUDING ATROPINE, HOMATROPINE, SCOPOLAMINE, EPINEPHRINE, AND
19 10 PERCENT PHENYLEPHRINE; OR]

20 (iii) anti-infectives;

21 (iv) anti-inflammatories; or

22 (B) a drug, within the category of miotics used, after
23 consultation with an ophthalmologist, for the treatment of an
24 inadvertently induced angle closure; and

25 (2) the person holds a license endorsement issued by the
26 board authorizing the use of pharmaceutical agents.

27 * Sec. 2. AS 08.72.300(3) is amended to read:

28 (3) "optometry" means the examination, diagnosis, and
29 treatment of conditions of the human eyes and visual system, other

1 than by use of laser, x-rays, surgery except removal of superficially
2 embedded foreign bodies, or pharmaceutical agents, other than those
3 permitted under AS 08.72.272; "optometry" includes the employment of
4 methods that a person licensed under this chapter is educationally
5 qualified to use, as established by the board;
6 * Sec. 3. AS 08.72.272(b) is repealed.