

**HOUSE BILL NO. 336**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Introduced: 5/16/91**

**Referred: Health, Education & Social Services, Labor & Commerce**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to optometrists."

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 08.72.272 is repealed and reenacted to read:

4           Sec. 08.72.272. **USE OF PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS.** (a) A licensee may use a  
5 pharmaceutical agent in the practice of optometry if

6                   (1) the pharmaceutical agent is a drug

7                           (A) topically applied to the human eye and its appendages; or

8                           (B) administered orally, within the categories of

9                                   (i) anti-infective;

10                                   (ii) analgesic;

11                                   (iii) decongestant/antihistamine;

12                                   (iv) antiglaucoma; and

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

1 (b) A licensee may not purchase, possess, or administer a pharmaceutical agent unless  
2 the licensee has obtained a license endorsement under AS 08.72.175.

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

4 Sec. 08.72.273. REMOVAL OF FOREIGN BODIES. A licensee may remove superficial  
5 foreign bodies from the eye and its appendages. This section is not intended to permit a licensee  
6 to perform invasive surgery.