

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 336 (L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/20/92

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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 08.72.175(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) The board may issue a license endorsement authorizing a licensee to prescribe or
5 use the pharmaceutical agents described in AS 08.72.272, if the licensee or applicant for a license
6 passes the written and practical portions of an examination on ocular pharmacology, approved
7 by the board, that tests the licensee's or the applicant's knowledge of the characteristics,
8 pharmacological effects, indications, contraindications, and emergency care associated with the
9 prescription or use of pharmaceutical agents. The endorsement expires at the same time as the
10 license to which it attaches. The endorsement may be renewed upon satisfactory completion of
11 continuing education requirements established by the board by regulation.

12 * **Sec. 2.** AS 08.72.272 is repealed and reenacted to read:

13 Sec. 08.72.272. **USE OF PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS.** (a) A licensee may prescribe
14 and use a pharmaceutical agent in the practice of optometry if

1 (1) the pharmaceutical agent is a drug topically applied to the human eye and its
2 appendages; and

3 (2) the person holds a license endorsement issued by the board authorizing the
4 prescription or use of pharmaceutical agents.

5 (b) A licensee may not purchase, possess, prescribe, or use a pharmaceutical agent unless
6 the licensee has obtained a license endorsement under AS 08.72.175.

7 • Sec. 3. AS 08.72 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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