

**HB**

**222**

## FISCAL NOTE

**REQUEST:**

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: An Act relating to optometrists and opticians.  
 Sponsor: House HESS Committee  
 Requestor: House HESS Committee

Agency Affected: Commerce & Economic Dev.  
 BRU: Occupational Licensing

Components: All

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:** (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0
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**FUNDING:** (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

**ANALYSIS :** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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 Agency: Commerce and Economic Development

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Paul Fischer, Chairman, Senate HESS Committee  
FROM: Rep. Johnny Ellis, Chairman, House HESS Committee  
RE: Scheduling of HB 222 *JE*  
DATE: April 28, 1990

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House Bill 222 was introduced by the House HESS Committee by request of optometrists across the state. This bill would allow optometrists to use certain drugs for therapeutic uses in their practices. The bill passed the House by a vote of 29 to 9.

Please schedule HB 222 for a hearing at your earliest possible convenience.

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Senator Paul Fischer  
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RE: HB 222

Dear Paul,

I would like to bring to your attention HB 222, an act relating to the practice of optometry. This bill would grant optometrist the right to treat all eye diseases with pharmaceuticals.

You will recall the story the Optometrist (O.D.'s) told two years ago about simply wanting to use DIAGNOSTIC medicines so that they would not miss any eye diseases! You specifically asked them if they would be back in the future requesting additional privileges and they responded that they would not.

This bill illustrates the true intent of the O.D.'s and that is to legislate themselves into MEDICINE & SURGERY. Undoubtedly they will return in the future and go for the surgery of the eyes.

I would like you to vote against this bill as being detrimental to the people of Alaska!

Regards,



Peter E. Cannava, M.D.

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