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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to optometrists; amending s. 395.0191, F.S.; providing for the granting to 3 4 certified doctors of optometry staff membership 5 at licensed facilities; limiting such 6 membership privileges; providing an effective 7 date. 8 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 10 11 Section 1. Sections (1) and (4) of section 395.0191, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are amended to read: 12 395.0191 Staff membership and clinical privileges.--13 (1)(a) No licensed facility, in considering and acting 14 upon an application for staff membership or clinical 15 16 privileges, shall deny the application of a qualified doctor of medicine licensed under chapter 458, a doctor of 17 osteopathic medicine licensed under chapter 459, a doctor of 18 19 dentistry licensed under chapter 466, a doctor of podiatric medicine licensed under chapter 461, a certified doctor of 20 optometry licensed under chapter 463, or a psychologist 21 22 licensed under chapter 490 for such staff membership or clinical privileges within the scope of his or her respective 23 licensure solely because the applicant is licensed under any 24 25 of such chapters. 26 (b) Nothing in this section allows a doctor of 27 optometry to perform any procedures beyond the scope of 28 practice defined in chapter 463. Hospital staff membership 29 granted to a certified doctor of optometry does not include 30 admitting privileges. 31

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(4) Nothing herein shall restrict in any way the authority of the medical staff of a licensed facility to review for approval or disapproval all applications for appointment and reappointment to all categories of staff and to make recommendations on each applicant to the governing board, including the delineation of privileges to be granted in each case. In making such recommendations and in the delineation of privileges, each applicant shall be considered individually pursuant to criteria for a doctor licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 461, chapter 463, or chapter 466, or for an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed and certified under chapter 464, or for a psychologist licensed under chapter 490, as applicable. The applicant's eligibility for staff membership or clinical privileges shall be determined by the applicant's background, experience, health, training, and demonstrated competency; the applicant's adherence to applicable professional ethics; the applicant's reputation; and the applicant's ability to work with others and by such other elements as determined by the governing board, consistent with this part. Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999. SENATE SUMMARY Provides for certified optometrists to be granted staff membership at hospitals. Limits the extent of such membership privileges.