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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to optometrists; amending s.
3 395.0191, F.S.; providing for the granting to
4 certified doctors of optometry staff membership
5 at licensed facilities; limiting such
6 membership privileges; providing an effective
7 date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Sections (1) and (4) of section 395.0191,
12 Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are amended to read:

13 395.0191 Staff membership and clinical privileges.--

14 (1)(a) No licensed facility, in considering and acting
15 upon an application for staff membership or clinical
16 privileges, shall deny the application of a qualified doctor
17 of medicine licensed under chapter 458, a doctor of
18 osteopathic medicine licensed under chapter 459, a doctor of
19 dentistry licensed under chapter 466, a doctor of podiatric
20 medicine licensed under chapter 461, a certified doctor of
21 optometry licensed under chapter 463, or a psychologist
22 licensed under chapter 490 for such staff membership or
23 clinical privileges within the scope of his or her respective
24 licensure solely because the applicant is licensed under any
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.

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