

By Representative Brummer

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to opticianry; amending s.
3 484.013, F.S.; authorizing an optician to
4 determine the refractive powers of the human
5 eyes under the direct supervision of a licensed
6 ophthalmologist; providing a penalty; providing
7 an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 484.013, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 484.013 Violations and penalties.--

14 (3)(a) It is unlawful for any optician to engage in
15 the diagnosis of the human eyes, attempt to determine the
16 refractive powers of the human eyes except as provided in
17 paragraph (b), or, ~~in any manner,~~ attempt to prescribe for or
18 treat diseases or ailments of human beings.

19 (b) An optician may determine the refractive powers of
20 the human eyes if the optician is making such determination
21 under the direct supervision of an ophthalmologist licensed
22 under chapter 458 or chapter 459.

23 (5) Any person who violates a provision of this
24 section commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable
25 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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29 HOUSE SUMMARY

30 Authorizes an optician to determine the refractive powers
31 of the human eyes under the direct supervision of a
licensed ophthalmologist.