

By Senator Rodriguez

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to opticianry; amending s. 484.011,  
3       F.S.; deleting the ability of an optician to delegate  
4       specified acts to unlicensed supportive personnel;  
5       amending s. 484.018, F.S.; deleting an exception to  
6       optician licensure requirements for employees working  
7       under the direct supervision of a physician or  
8       optometrist; providing an effective date.

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

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12       Section 1. Section 484.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
13   read:

14       484.011 License required ~~Supportive personnel.~~ ~~Any~~ No  
15   person other than a licensed optician may not engage in the  
16   practice of opticianry, ~~except that a licensed optician may~~  
17   ~~delegate to nonlicensed supportive personnel those duties,~~  
18   ~~tasks, and functions which fall within the purview of s.~~  
19   ~~484.002(3). All such delegated acts shall be performed under the~~  
20   ~~direct supervision of a licensed optician, who shall be~~  
21   ~~responsible for all such acts performed by persons under her or~~  
22   ~~his supervision.~~

23       Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 484.018, Florida  
24   Statutes, is amended to read:

25       484.018 Exceptions.—

26       ~~(2) Nothing in this part shall be construed to mean that an~~  
27   ~~employee of a licensed physician or a licensed optometrist shall~~  
28   ~~be required to secure a license under this part, so long as the~~  
29   ~~employee is working exclusively for, and under the direct~~

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30 ~~supervision of, the licensed physician or optometrist and does~~  
31 ~~not hold herself or himself out to the public generally as an~~  
32 ~~optician.~~

33 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.