



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Final Analysis

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Sen. Lehner

Effective date: March 23, 2015

ACT SUMMARY

- Beginning January 1, 2016, permits a licensed spectacle dispensing optician to dispense prepackaged soft contact lenses if the optician can do so without taking action other than matching the lens packaging with a prescription.
- Adds two hours of study in the form of contact lens dispensing authorized by the act to the continuing education required for spectacle dispensing optician license renewal.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Prepackaged soft contact lenses from spectacle dispensing opticians

Beginning January 1, 2016, the act authorizes licensed spectacle dispensing opticians to dispense prepackaged soft contact lenses if the only action necessary to dispense the lenses is to match the description on the packaging with a written prescription.¹ Former law did not permit a licensed spectacle dispensing optician to dispense any contact lenses. Only optometrists, physicians, spectacle-contact lens dispensing opticians, and contact lens dispensing opticians could do so.²

¹ R.C. 4725.40(D)(2) and 4725.411.

² R.C. 4725.40 and 4725.59, not in the act.

Continuing education

The act modifies the continuing education needed for annual license renewal for licensed spectacle dispensing opticians. In addition to the four hours of study in spectacle dispensing required under continuing law, licensed spectacle dispensing opticians must also complete two hours of study in the form of contact lens dispensing that the act authorizes them to perform.³

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
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Reported, H. Health & Aging	10-30-13
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Reported, S. Medicaid, Health & Human Services	12-10-14
Passed Senate (31-0)	12-11-14
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³ R.C. 4725.51(A)(1).

