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## OHIO OPTICAL DISPENSERS BOARD

- Modifies the requirements for continuing education regarding contact lens dispensing that a spectacle dispensing optician must complete.
- Requires a spectacle dispensing optician to complete two hours of study in contact lens dispensing before being authorized to dispense prepackaged soft contact lenses.
- Requires the Ohio Optical Dispensers Board to approve continuing education programs that are conducted in person or through electronic means.
- Specifies that "optical dispensing" does not include placing an order for the delivery of an optical aid.

### Licensed spectacle dispensing optician

(R.C. 4725.40, 4725.411, and 4725.51)

The bill repeals a provision specifying that a spectacle dispensing optician's continuing education regarding contact lens dispensing is to be limited to education in the dispensing of prepackaged soft contact lenses and the action of matching the packaging description to a written prescription. Additionally, a spectacle dispensing optician must complete two hours of contact lens dispensing education approved by the Optical Dispensers Board before being authorized to dispense prepackaged soft contact lenses. The bill requires the Board to permit continuing education programs to be conducted either in person or through electronic means. This provision applies to all continuing education programs that require Board approval.

The bill specifies that "optical dispensing" does not include placing an order for the delivery of an optical aid, thereby excluding that action from any licensing requirements.

