



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: Sub. H.B. 258 of the 130th G.A.

Date: December 17, 2014

Status: As Enacted

Sponsor: Rep. Gonzales

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Allows a licensed spectacle dispensing optician to dispense prepackaged soft contact lenses if the only action necessary is to match the description on the packaging with the written prescription and revises continuing education requirements for certain licensees

State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill revises continuing education requirements for licensed spectacle dispensing opticians. Since the Ohio Optical Dispensers Board approves continuing education programs and ensures that licensees have completed continuing education requirements, the Board might realize a minimal increase in administrative costs.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Beginning January 1, 2016, the bill permits a licensed spectacle dispensing optician to dispense prepackaged soft contact lenses if the only action necessary is to match the description on the packaging of the contact lenses with the written prescription. There could be indirect administrative costs for the Ohio Optical Dispensers Board if a new licensure designation is created.

The bill also revises continuing education requirements for licensees. Under the bill, licensed spectacle dispensing opticians are required to have two hours of study in contact lens dispensing in addition to four hours of study in spectacle dispensing, which is already required. Since the Ohio Optical Dispensers Board approves continuing education programs and ensures that licensees have completed the continuing education requirements, the Board might realize a minimal increase in administrative costs.