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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- OPTICIANS

Introduced By: Representatives Brien, Phillips, and Martin

Date Introduced: March 06, 2012

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-35.2-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-35.2 entitled "Opticians"

2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-35.2-1. Definitions.** -- As used in this chapter:

4 (1) "Advisory committee" means the advisory committee of opticianry as established  
5 herein.

6 (2) "Department" means the department of health

7 (3) "Director" means the director of the department of health.

8 (4) "Optician" means a person licensed in this state to practice opticianry pursuant to the  
9 provisions of this chapter.

10 (5) "The Practice of Opticianry" means the preparation or dispensing of eyeglasses,  
11 spectacles, lenses, or related appurtenances, for the intended wearers, or users, on prescription  
12 from licensed physicians or optometrists, or duplications or reproductions of previously prepared  
13 eyeglasses, spectacles, lenses, or related appurtenances; or the person who, in accordance with  
14 such prescriptions, duplications or reproductions, measures, adapts, fits, and adjusts eyeglasses,  
15 spectacles, lenses, including spectacles add powers for task specific use or occupational  
16 applications, or appurtenances, to the human face. Provided, however, a person licensed under the  
17 provisions of this chapter shall be specifically prohibited from engaging in the practice of ocular  
18 refraction, orthoptics, visual training, the prescribing of subnormal vision aids, telescopic  
19 spectacles, fitting, ~~selling, replacing,~~ or dispensing contact lenses.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would eliminate the prohibition on the selling and replacing of contact lenses
- 2           within the definition of the practice of opticianry.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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