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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - OPTOMETRISTS

Introduced By: Representative John M. Carnevale

Date Introduced: February 14, 2013

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 5-35.1-11.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-35.1 entitled  
2 "Optometrists" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **5-35.1-11.1. Subcontracted optometry network.** -- An insurer, including a company  
4 offering accident and sickness insurance as defined in chapter 27-18, a nonprofit hospital service  
5 corporation as defined in chapter 27-19, a nonprofit medical service corporation as defined in  
6 chapter 27-20, or a health maintenance organization as defined in chapter 27-41, shall not require  
7 that an optometrist [provide discounted material benefits and/or](#) participate [in an insurer's and/or](#) in  
8 a subsidiary's or a third-party's vision care plan as a condition for participation in the insurer's  
9 participating provider panel.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would prohibit insurers from requiring optometrists to provide discounted  
2 material benefits and/or to participate in a subsidiary and/or third-party vision care plan as a  
3 condition for participation in the insurer's participating provider panel.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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