

1 AN ACT concerning professional regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987 is  
5 amended by changing Section 15.1 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 80/15.1)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2017)

8 Sec. 15.1. Diagnostic and therapeutic authority.

9 (a) For purposes of the Act, "ocular pharmaceutical agents"  
10 means topical anesthetics, topical mydriatics, topical  
11 cycloplegics, topical miotics and mydriatic reversing agents,  
12 anti-infective agents, anti-allergy agents, anti-glaucoma  
13 agents (except oral carbonic anhydrase inhibitors, which may be  
14 prescribed only in a quantity sufficient to provide treatment  
15 for up to 72 hours), anti-inflammatory agents (except oral  
16 steroids), over-the-counter agents, ~~and~~ analgesic agents,  
17 anti-dry eye agents, and agents for the treatment of  
18 hypotrichosis.

19 (a-3) In addition to ocular pharmaceutical agents that fall  
20 within the categories set forth in subsection (a) of this  
21 Section, the Board may add a pharmaceutical agent approved by  
22 the FDA or class of agents for the purpose of the diagnosis or  
23 treatment of conditions of the eye and adnexa after

1 consideration of the agent's systemic effects, side effects,  
2 and the use of the agent within the practice of optometry. The  
3 Board shall consider requests for additional agents and make  
4 recommendations within 90 days after the receipt of the  
5 request.

6 Within 45 days after the Board's recommendation to the  
7 Department of a pharmaceutical agent or class of agents, the  
8 Department shall promulgate rules necessary to allow for the  
9 prescribing or administering of the pharmaceutical agent or  
10 class of agents under this Act.

11 (a-5) Ocular pharmaceutical agents administered by  
12 injection may be used only for the treatment of anaphylaxis.

13 (a-10) Oral pharmaceutical agents may be prescribed for a  
14 child under 5 years of age only in consultation with a  
15 physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches.

16 (a-15) The authority to prescribe a Schedule III, IV, or V  
17 controlled substance shall include only analgesic agents in a  
18 quantity sufficient to provide treatment for up to 72 hours.  
19 The prescription of a Schedule II controlled substance is  
20 prohibited.

21 (b) A licensed optometrist may remove superficial foreign  
22 bodies from the human eye and adnexa and may give orders for  
23 patient care to a nurse licensed to practice under Illinois  
24 law.

25 (c) An optometrist's license shall be revoked or suspended  
26 by the Department upon recommendation of the Board based upon

1 either of the following causes:

2 (1) grave or repeated misuse of any ocular  
3 pharmaceutical agent; and

4 (2) the use of any agent or procedure in the course of  
5 optometric practice by an optometrist not properly  
6 authorized under this Act.

7 (d) The Secretary of Financial and Professional Regulation  
8 shall notify the Director of Public Health as to the categories  
9 of ocular pharmaceutical agents permitted for use by an  
10 optometrist. The Director of Public Health shall in turn notify  
11 every licensed pharmacist in the State of the categories of  
12 ocular pharmaceutical agents that can be utilized and  
13 prescribed by an optometrist.

14 (Source: P.A. 94-787, eff. 5-19-06; 95-242, eff. 1-1-08.)

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
16 becoming law.