

A bill for an act
relating to health; modifying the definition of optometry; amending Minnesota
Statutes 2010, section 148.56, subdivision 1.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 148.56, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Optometry defined.** (a) Any person shall be deemed to be practicing
optometry within the meaning of sections 148.52 to 148.62 who shall in any way:

(1) advertise as an optometrist; or

(2) employ any means for the measurement of the powers of vision or the adaptation
of lenses or prisms for the aid thereof; or

(3) possess testing appliances for the purpose of the measurement of the powers of
vision; or

(4) diagnose any disease, optical deficiency or deformity, or visual or muscular
anomaly of the human eye or visual system; or

(5) prescribe lenses, prisms, or the use of any scientific instruments in connection
with ocular exercises, orthoptics, visual training, vision training, vision therapy, or
habilitative/rehabilitative therapeutic vision care to train the visual system for the
correction or improvement of, or the relief of same to, the visual function; or

(6) prescribe or administer legend drugs to aid in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation,
prevention, treatment, or management of disease, deficiency, deformity, or abnormality
of the human eye and adnexa included in the curricula of accredited schools or colleges
of optometry, and as limited by Minnesota statute and adopted rules by the Board of
Optometry, or who holds oneself out as being able to do so.

(b) In the course of treatment, nothing in this section shall allow:

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- 2.1 (1) legend drugs to be administered intravenously, intramuscularly, or by injection,
2.2 except for treatment of anaphylaxis;
- 2.3 (2) invasive surgery including, but not limited to, surgery using lasers;
- 2.4 (3) Schedule II and III oral legend drugs and oral steroids to be administered or
2.5 prescribed;
- 2.6 (4) oral antivirals to be prescribed or administered for more than ten days; or
- 2.7 (5) oral carbonic anhydrase inhibitors to be prescribed or administered for more
2.8 than seven days.