

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health; changing the expiration date for contact lens prescriptions;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 145.712, subdivision 2.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 145.712, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **Prescription expiration date.** A prescription written by an optometrist or
1.7 physician must expire ~~two years~~ one year after it is written, unless a different expiration
1.8 date is warranted by the patient's ocular health. If the prescription is valid for less than
1.9 ~~two years~~ one year, the optometrist or physician must note the medical reason for the
1.10 prescription's expiration date in the patient's record and must orally explain to the patient
1.11 at the time of the eye examination the reason for the prescription's expiration date.