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HOUSE BILL NO. 1298

Introduced by: The Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of the Governor

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for certain prescriptive authority for
2 optometrists.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 36-7-1 be amended to read as follows:

5 36-7-1. The practice of optometry is declared to be a profession and defined as examination
6 of the human eye and its appendages, and the employment of any means for the measurement of
7 the powers of visions, or any visual, muscular, neurological, interpretative, or anatomical
8 anomalies of the visual processes, and the prescribing or employment of lenses, prisms, frames,
9 mountings, visual training procedure, topical pharmaceutical agents, oral antibiotics, and oral
10 analgesic agents for diagnostic and treatment purposes, and any other means or method for the
11 correction, remedy, or relief of any insufficiencies or abnormal conditions of the visual processes
12 of the human eye and its appendages except surgery. However, an optometrist may remove
13 superficial foreign bodies from the eye. The prescription of contact lenses, except by a
14 practitioner licensed under chapter 36-4, constitutes the practice of optometry. An optometrist
15 is one who practices optometry under the provisions of this chapter.



1 Section 2. That chapter 36-7 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
2 follows:

3 An optometrist shall consult with a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 36-4 prior to
4 prescribing or administering oral antibiotics. If possible, the consultation shall be with a physician
5 who has prior knowledge of the patient's medical history.