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HOUSE BILL 1195

Short Title: Define Surgery/Practice of Optometry. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives England; and Faison.

Referred to: Health, if favorable, State Government/State Personnel.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DEFINE SURGERY UNDER THE LAWS REGULATING THE PRACTICE
3 OF OPTOMETRY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 90-114 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 90-114. ~~Optometry defined.~~ Definitions.**

7 The following definitions shall apply in this Article:

8 (1) Optometry. – Any one or any combination of the following practices shall
9 constitute the practice of optometry:

10 (1) a. The examination of the human eye by any method, other than
11 surgery, to diagnose, to treat, or to refer for consultation or treatment
12 any abnormal condition of the human eye and its adnexa; or

13 (2) b. The employment of instruments, devices, pharmaceutical agents and
14 procedures, other than surgery, intended for the purposes of
15 investigating, examining, treating, diagnosing or correcting visual
16 defects or abnormal conditions of the human eye or its adnexa; or

17 (3) c. The prescribing and application of lenses, devices containing lenses,
18 prisms, contact lenses, orthoptics, vision training, pharmaceutical
19 agents, and prosthetic devices to correct, relieve, or treat defects or
20 abnormal conditions of the human eye or its adnexa.

21 (2) Surgery. – Any invasive procedure in which the tissue of the human eye or
22 its adnexa is perforated, punctured, incised, cut, burned, vaporized, ablated,
23 frozen, sutured, probed, or otherwise altered by any mechanical, thermal,
24 light-based, electromagnetic, or chemical means using instruments,
25 including scalpels, needles, laser, radiation, or ultrasound."

26 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

