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House of Representatives, March 18, 2015

An Act To Authorize the Dispensing of Eyeglasses with an Expired Prescription

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT

Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Lisbon.
Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, GREENWOOD of Wales, HOBART of Bowdoinham,
LONG of Sherman, PICKETT of Dixfield, STETKIS of Canaan, TIMBERLAKE of Turner,
TIMMONS of Cumberland.

2	Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2417, sub-§7 is enacted to read:
2	Sec. 1. 32 MINSA 92-17, sub-97 is chacted to read.
3	7. Replacement of eyeglasses with expired prescription. Notwithstanding any
4	other provision of this section, upon presentation of an expired prescription for
5	ophthalmic lenses by a patient, an optometrist shall dispense a set of eyeglasses with the
6	prescribed ophthalmic lenses and advise the patient of the consequences of not renewing
7	the prescription by receiving an eye examination under subsection 3. An optometrist is
8	immune from liability in complying with this subsection.
9	SUMMARY
10	This bill requires an optometrist, upon presentation of an expired prescription for
11	ophthalmic lenses by a patient, to dispense without liability prescription glasses pursuant
12	to the expired prescription and to inform the patient of the consequences of not renewing
13	the prescription by receiving a proper eye examination.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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