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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing optometrists to use and prescribe
2 approved drugs for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes without
3 limitation upon the methods of delivery in the practice of optometry;
4 and amending RCW 18.53.010, 69.41.030, and 69.50.101.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.53.010 and 1989 c 36 s 1 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1) The practice of optometry is defined as the examination of the
9 human eye, the examination and ascertaining any defects of the human
10 vision system and the analysis of the process of vision. The practice
11 of optometry may include, but not necessarily be limited to, the
12 following:

13 (a) The employment of any objective or subjective means or method
14 including the use of drugs (~~((topically applied to the eye))~~) for
15 diagnostic (~~((and))~~) or therapeutic purposes by those licensed under this
16 chapter and who meet the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of
17 this section, and the use of any diagnostic instruments or devices for
18 the examination or analysis of the human vision system, the measurement

1 of the powers or range of human vision, or the determination of the
2 refractive powers of the human eye or its functions in general; and
3 (b) The prescription and fitting of lenses, prisms, therapeutic or
4 refractive contact lenses and the adaption or adjustment of frames and
5 lenses used in connection therewith; and