

FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT DIRECTED TO A COMMITTEE

January 27, 2025

Madam Chair:

I propose to the HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE the following amendments to

HOUSE BILL 36

1. On page 3, line 2, after the semicolon, insert "and".
2. On page 3, strike lines 6 through 9.
3. On page 6, between lines 18 and 19, insert:

"SECTION 3. Section 61-2-15 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1973, Chapter 353, Section 13, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-2-15. EXEMPTIONS.--

A. Except for the provisions of [~~Section~~] Sections 61-2-14.1 and 61-2-16 NMSA 1978 and as provided in this subsection, the Optometry Act does not apply to a licensed physician or a person, clinic or program under [~~his~~] the licensed physician's responsible supervision and control; provided that the person, clinic or program under the responsible supervision and control of the licensed physician shall not use either loose or fixed trial lenses for the sole purpose of determining the prescription for eyeglasses or contact lenses.

B. Except as provided in Sections 61-2-2, 61-2-14, 61-2-16 and 61-2-17 NMSA 1978, the Optometry Act does not apply to a person selling eyeglasses who does not represent [~~himself~~] the person's own

self as being qualified to detect or correct ocular anomalies and who does not traffic upon assumed skill in adapting ophthalmic lenses to the eyes."".

Respectfully submitted,
