

Department of Planning and Budget
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number House Bill 856

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron S. Chris Jones

3. Committee Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title Practice of optometry

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill revises the requirements for the practice and licensure of optometrists by (i) requiring, after June 30, 2004, every person initially licensed to practice optometry to meet the qualifications for a TPA-certified optometrist; (ii) authorizing TPA-certified optometrists to prescribe and administer Schedule III through VI controlled substances and devices to treat diseases of the human eye and its adnexa as determined by the Board, (iii) removing the specific designations of diagnostic pharmaceutical agents that may be administered by optometrists so certified and authorizing the administration of Schedule VI controlled substances that are used for the purpose of examining and determining abnormal or diseased conditions of the human eye or related structures, and (iv) removing the restriction that TPA-certified optometrists be limited to prescribing oral analgesics included on Schedules III and VI to relieve ocular pain and topically applied Schedule VI drugs. This provision also strikes the requirement for a seven-member TPA-Formulary Committee as of July 1, 2006 (see enactment clauses 2 and 3). The Board of Optometry is required to promulgate emergency regulations to implement this provision.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: None

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:
Department of Health Professions

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources