

**Department of Planning and Budget
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number House Bill 856

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

2. Patron S. Chris Jones

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Practice of optometry

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill revises the requirements for the practice and licensure of optometrists by requiring, after June 30, 2004, every person initially licensed to practice optometry to meet the qualifications for a TPA-certified optometrist, and by expanding TPA-certified optometrists' prescriptive authority to include Schedule VI controlled substances for the purpose of examining and determining abnormal or diseased conditions of the human eye or related structures. The bill authorizes 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. This authority is expanded to include certain injectable Schedule VI drugs for the treatment of abnormal or diseased conditions of the adnexa and intramuscular administration of epinephrine for treatment of emergency cases of anaphylactic shock, but treatment of infantile or congenital glaucoma and the use of injectables for cosmetic purposes are prohibited. There is an emergency clause requiring the Board of Optometry to promulgate regulations within 280 days of enactment.

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