

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

- 1. Bill Number** Senate Bill 272
- House of Origin** ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
- Second House** ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled
- 2. Patron** Frederick M. Quayle
- 3. Committee** Passed Both Houses
- 4. Title** Optometrists; grounds for revocation or suspension of license
- 5. Summary/Purpose:** Provides that an optometrist shall be deemed to be practicing in a commercial or mercantile establishment if he practices in any location that provides direct access to or from such an establishment. The bill defines "direct access," and stipulates that certain optometric and ophthalmologic practices are not commercial or mercantile establishments. It remains unlawful under this bill for optometrists to practice in commercial and mercantile establishments. The bill contains a delayed effective date clause (December 31, 2005).
- 6. No Fiscal Impact**
- 7. Budget amendment necessary:** No
- 8. Fiscal implications:** The legislation could result in additional disciplinary cases for the Board of Optometry, but the department assumes that most licensees would comply and not be subject to investigation.
- 9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** None
- 10. Technical amendment necessary:** No
- 11. Other comments:** This bill is identical to HB 160.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources