

**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** -
- 4. Title** Optometrists; grounds for revocation or suspension of license
- 5. Summary/Purpose:** Defines when an optometrist shall be deemed to be “practicing in a commercial or mercantile establishment.” Currently it is unlawful for any optometrist to practice his profession as a lessee of or in a commercial or mercantile establishment, or to advertise, either in person or through any commercial or mercantile establishment, that he is a licensed practitioner and is practicing or will practice optometry as a lessee of or in the commercial or mercantile establishment. Provisions of this bill would become effective 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:** None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources