

**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 Education and Health

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.

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