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AN ACT
RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; AMENDING AND REPEALING
SECTIONS OF THE OPTOMETRY ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO BOARD POWERS
AND TO PROVIDE OPTOMETRISTS WITH GREATER PRESCRIBING POWERS;
AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NEW MEXICO DRUG, DEVICE AND
COSMETIC ACT TO INCLUDE OPTOMETRISTS AS PRESCRIBING
PRACTITIONERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 61-2-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1973,
Chapter 353, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-2-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Optometry Act:

A. "practice of optometry" means:

(1) the employment of any subjective or
objective means or methods, including but not limited to the
use of lenses, prisms, autorefractors or other automated
testing devices, and includes the prescription or
administration of drugs for the purpose of diagnosing the
visual defects or abnormal conditions of the human eye and
its adnexa;

(2) the employing, adapting or prescribing
of preventive or corrective measures, including but not
limited to lenses, prisms, contact or corneal lenses or other
optical appliances, ocular exercises, vision therapy, vision
training and vision rehabilitation services, and includes the
prescription or administration of all drugs rational for the
correction, relief or referral of visual defects or abnormal