

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 2613

---

---

**As Passed House:**  
February 15, 2002

**Title:** An act relating to eye banks.

**Brief Description:** Repealing state regulation of eye banks.

**Sponsors:** By Representatives Darneille and Cody; by request of Department of Health.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Health Care: 2/1/02, 2/7/02 [DP].

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 2/14/02, 87-0.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- The authority of the Department of Health to license eye banks is repealed.

---

### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 11 members: Representatives Cody, Chair; Schual-Berke, Vice Chair; Campbell, Ranking Minority Member; Alexander, Ballasiotes, Benson, Conway, Darneille, Edwards, Ruderman and Skinner.

**Staff:** John Welsh (786-7133).

**Background:**

By law, in any case where a patient is in need of corneal tissue for a transplantation, corneal tissue may be provided by eye banks licensed by the Secretary of the Department of Health under rules promulgated by the department.

---

**Summary of Bill:**

The authority of the Department of Health to license eye banks is repealed.

---

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not Requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** The repeal of the department's authority to license eye banks is a budget reduction. The Federal Trade Commission already regulates eye banks so the public health and safety are unaffected.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Gary Bennett, Department of Health.