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By Representatives Moeller, Clibborn, Jinkins, Cody, and Schmick

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1            AN ACT Relating to authorizing physician assistants to perform  
2            ophthalmic-related services under employment or supervision by a medical  
3            doctor or an osteopathic physician; and amending RCW 18.71A.060.

4            BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.71A.060 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 324 are each amended  
6            to read as follows:

7            No health care services may be performed under this chapter in any  
8            of the following areas:

9            (1) ~~((The measurement of the powers or range of human vision, or~~  
10            ~~the determination of the accommodation and refractive state of the~~  
11            ~~human eye or the scope of its functions in general, or the fitting or~~  
12            ~~adaptation of lenses or frames for the aid thereof.~~

13            ~~(2) The prescribing or directing the use of, or using, any optical~~  
14            ~~device in connection with ocular exercises, visual training, vision~~  
15            ~~training, or orthoptics.~~

16            ~~(3) The prescribing of contact lenses for, or the fitting or~~  
17            ~~adaptation of contact lenses to, the human eye.~~

18            ~~(4) Nothing in this section shall preclude the performance of~~  
19            ~~routine visual screening.~~

1       ~~(5)~~) The practice of dentistry or dental hygiene as defined in  
2 chapters 18.32 and 18.29 RCW respectively. The exemptions set forth in  
3 RCW 18.32.030 (1) and (8)~~(7)~~) shall not apply to a physician  
4 assistant.

5       ~~(6)~~) (2) The practice of chiropractic as defined in chapter  
6 18.25 RCW including the adjustment or manipulation of the articulations  
7 of the spine.

8       ~~(7)~~) (3) The practice of podiatric medicine and surgery as  
9 defined in chapter 18.22 RCW.

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