
SENATE BILL 6408

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By Senators Cleveland, Keiser, Ranker, and Chase

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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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