

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 321
HOUSE BILL 1277

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY BY STUDENTS ENROLLED AT APPROVED SCHOOLS OR COLLEGES UNDER SUPERVISION OF LICENSED OR QUALIFIED OPTOMETRISTS DOES NOT VIOLATE THE OPTOMETRY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 90-115.1(3) reads as rewritten:

"(3) The practice of optometry by students enrolled in optometry schools or colleges ~~in this State~~ approved by the North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry ~~by students enrolled in such schools or colleges~~ when such practice is performed as a part of ~~their~~ the student's course of ~~instruction and~~ instruction, is under the direct supervision of an optometrist who is either duly licensed in North Carolina or qualified under subdivision (2) above as a ~~teacher~~ teacher, and is conducted in accordance with such rules as may be established for such practice by the North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry. Additionally, the practice of optometry by such students at any location upon patients or inmates of institutions wholly owned or operated by the State of North Carolina or any political subdivision or subdivisions thereof when, in the opinion of the dean of such optometry school or college or his designee, the student's optometric education and experience is adequate therefor, subject to review and approval by the said Board of Examiners in Optometry, and such practice is a part of the course of instruction of such students, is performed under the supervision of a duly licensed optometrist acting as a teacher or instructor and is without remuneration except for expenses and subsistence as defined and permitted by the rules and regulations of said Board of Examiners in Optometry."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14th day of June, 1989.