Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1141

## BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD

## OPTOMETRISTS: Provides relative to the practice of optometry and the regulation of such profession

| 1  | AN ACT  |
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| 2  | To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1041(A), relative to the practice of optometry and regulations   |
| 3  | of such profession; to provide relative to the legislative declaration; and to provide        |
| 4  | for related matters.  |
| 5  | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:  |
| 6  | Section 1. R.S. 37:1041(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:                |
| 7  | §1041. Legislative declaration; statement of purpose; definitions                             |
| 8  | A. The practice of optometry in the state of Louisiana is declared a                          |
| 9  | professional practice affecting the public health, safety, and welfare and is subject         |
| 10 | to regulation and control in the public interest. It is further declared to be a matter       |
| 11 | of public interest and concern that the practice of optometry, as defined in this             |
| 12 | Chapter, merit and receive the confidence of the public and that only qualified               |
| 13 | persons be permitted to engage in the practice of optometry in the state of Louisiana.        |
| 14 | This Chapter shall be liberally construed to carry out these objectives and purposes.         |
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| 16 | Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not          |
| 17 | signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature |
| 18 | by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  |
| 19 | vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become    |
| 20 | effective on the day following such approval.   |

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## DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides a legislative declaration for the practice of optometry.

Present law provides a legislative declaration for the practice of optometry.

Proposed law makes technical changes.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 37:1041(A))