



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 1226

April 11, 2024 - Introduced by Representatives CLANCY, STUBBS and MADISON.  
Referred to Committee on Insurance.

1     **AN ACT to repeal and recreate** 449.07 (title); and **to create** 449.07 (2) and  
2           449.08 (1) (f) of the statutes; **relating to:** spectacle lens prescriptions provided  
3           by optometrists.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, an optometrist may be subject to professional discipline for engaging in unprofessional conduct. The Optometry Examining Board has promulgated rules specifying that unprofessional conduct includes failing to release, at no cost to the patient, a copy of the patient's spectacle lens prescription or contact lens prescription following release of the patient from contact lens fitting and initial follow-up care. The board's rules further define "contact lens prescription" and "lens prescription," so as to specify the minimum requirements for such prescriptions.

This bill codifies into statute that unprofessional conduct by an optometrist includes failing to release, at no cost to the patient, a copy of the patient's spectacle lens prescription or contact lens prescription following release of the patient from contact lens fitting and initial follow-up care. The bill further provides that the board must define by rule what such prescriptions must include. However, the bill specifically requires that a spectacle lens prescription include a measurement of the patient's pupillary distance, which is not required under the board's current rules.

