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### CHAPTER 608.

AN ACT to amend 153.01 and 153.02 (1) of the statutes, relating to the practice of dispensing opticians.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

153.01 and 153.02 (1) of the statutes are amended to read:

153.01 (1) OPTOMETRY. The practice of optometry is defined as follows: The employment of any means other than drugs to determine the visual efficiency of human eyes or the measurement of the powers or defects of vision; the furnishing, using or employment of any means or device designed or calculated to aid in the selection or fitting of spectacles or eyeglasses; and the adaptation of lenses, prisms and mechanical therapy to aid the vision of any person.

(2) DISPENSING OPTICIANS. *A dispensing optician is one who practices optical dispensing. The practice of optical dispensing comprises the taking of necessary facial measurements and the processing, fitting and adjusting of mountings, frames, lenses and kindred products in the filling of prescriptions of duly licensed physicians or optometrists for ophthalmic lenses. Duplications, replacements or reproductions not requiring optometric service may be done without prescription. Nothing herein contained shall change the responsibility of physician to patient, or optometrist to patient.*

153.02 (1) No person shall practice optometry within the meaning of this chapter without a license so to do and a valid certificate of registration issued by the Wisconsin board of examiners in optometry, *except that a dispensing optician need not be so licensed for the practice of optical dispensing.*

Approved July 13, 1951.