

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 428

BY SENATOR BUFFINGTON

OPTOMETRISTS. Provides relative to the practice of optometry and the regulation of such profession. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1041(A), relative to the practice of optometry and the  
3 regulations of such profession; to provide relative to the legislative declaration; and  
4 to provide 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 of  
11 public interest and concern that the practice of optometry, as defined in this Chapter,  
12 merit and receive the confidence of the public and that only qualified persons be  
13 permitted to engage in the practice of optometry in ~~the state of~~ Louisiana. This  
14 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

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
3 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

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DIGEST

Buffington (SB 428)

Present law provides a legislative declaration.

Proposed law makes technical changes.

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

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