

1 **SHB 1164 - H AMD 0054 WITHDRAWN 3-14-03**
2 By Representative Cody

3 On page 4, line 12, after "authorize" strike all material
4 beginning with "retinal" through "nor" on line 13

5 On page 4, after line 16, insert the following:

6 "(7) Nothing in this chapter may be construed to authorize
7 optometrists to perform ophthalmic surgery. Ophthalmic surgery is
8 defined as any invasive procedure in which human tissue is cut,
9 ablated, or otherwise penetrated by incision, injection, laser,
10 ultrasound, or other means, in order to: Treat human eye diseases;
11 alter or correct refractive error; or alter or enhance cosmetic
12 appearance. Nothing in this chapter limits an optometrist's ability to
13 use diagnostic instruments utilizing laser or ultrasound technology.
14 Ophthalmic surgery, as defined in this subsection, does not include
15 removal of superficial ocular foreign bodies, epilation of misaligned
16 eyelashes, placement of punctal or lacrimal plugs, diagnostic dilation
17 and irrigation of the lacrimal system, orthokeratology, prescription
18 and fitting of contact lenses with the purpose of altering refractive
19 error, or other similar procedures within the scope of practice of
20 optometry."

EFFECT: Deletes proposed prohibition on optometrists performing surgery. Defines "ophthalmic surgery" and prohibits optometrists from performing such surgery.