

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2613

As Passed House:
February 15, 2002

Title: An act relating to eye banks.

Brief Description: Repealing state regulation of eye banks.

Sponsors: By Representatives Darneille and Cody; by request of Department of Health.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Health Care: 2/1/02, 2/7/02 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/14/02, 87-0.

Brief Summary of Bill

- The authority of the Department of Health to license eye banks is repealed.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 11 members: Representatives Cody, Chair; Schual-Berke, Vice Chair; Campbell, Ranking Minority Member; Alexander, Ballasiotes, Benson, Conway, Darneille, Edwards, Ruderman and Skinner.

Staff: John Welsh (786-7133).

Background:

By law, in any case where a patient is in need of corneal tissue for a transplantation, corneal tissue may be provided by eye banks licensed by the Secretary of the Department of Health under rules promulgated by the department.

Summary of Bill:

The authority of the Department of Health to license eye banks is repealed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: The repeal of the department's authority to license eye banks is a budget reduction. The Federal Trade Commission already regulates eye banks so the public health and safety are unaffected.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Gary Bennett, Department of Health.