

HB 378 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

378

AN ACT requiring optometrists to warn parents about the progression of myopia when prescribing distance lenses for children.

SPONSORS: Rep. Parison, Hills 25

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill adds a requirement that optometrists warn parents about the progression of myopia when prescribing distance lenses for children.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

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 prescribing distance lenses for children.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; Optometry; Warning Required. Amend RSA 327 by inserting after section 34 the
2 following new section:

3 327:35 Warning Required; Progression of Myopia. An optometrist prescribing corrective lenses
4 for distance vision for a minor child shall warn the parents or guardian of the child of the progression
5 of myopia related to the prescription of such corrective lenses. The board may supply suitable
6 quantities of an explanatory publication for practitioners to provide such warning to the parents of
7 minor children.

8 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.