

**Amendment No. 2 to SB0220**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 220\***

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-8-102(12)(E)(i), is amended by deleting the word “and” at the end of subdivision (c), by adding the word “and” at the end of subdivision (d), and by adding the following language as a new subdivision (e):

(e)

(1) The use of a local anesthetic in conjunction with the primary care treatment of an eyelid lesion provided, however, no optometrist shall use a local anesthetic for this purpose unless that optometrist has met the certification requirements set forth in § 63-8-112(4)(A) and in the rules of the board of optometry for the administration of pharmaceutical agents in the performance of primary eye care procedures;

(2) No optometrists shall be credentialed to perform local injections in conjunction with an eyelid lesion except for following the procedures and lesions:

(A) Needle drainage of a hematoma, abscess, seroma, or bulla;

(B) Excision of a single epidermal eyelid lesion, without clinical characteristics of malignancy, no larger than five millimeters (5 mm), no deeper than the dermal layer of the skin,

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not involving the lid margin, and not involving lacrimal drainage structures;

(C) Incision and curettage of a chalazion;

(D) Simple repair of an eyelid lesion no larger than two and one-half centimeters (2.5 cm), no deeper than orbicularis; and

(E) Not involving lid margin or lacrimal drainage structures;

(3) No optometrists shall be credentialed to perform local injections in conjunction with the primary eye care treatment of an eye lesion or any injection for the diagnosis and treatment of a condition or disease of the eye or eyelid unless the optometrist maintains basic cardiac life support (BCLS) certification;

(4) Emergency equipment for basic life support, an automated external defibrillator (AED), and for treatment of anaphylaxis shall be present and available at the optometrist's office or other location at which such procedure is being performed during the performance of the procedure;

(5) No optometrist will be credentialed to perform local injections in conjunction with the primary eye care treatment of an eyelid lesion until the optometrist has made best efforts to establish a relationship with a physician who maintains advanced cardiovascular info support (ACLS) certification and within ten (10) minutes to provide medical assistance in the event of a medical complication during the performance of the

procedure. If the optometrist is unable to establish a relationship with a physician, the board of optometry shall require the optometrist to furnish information or evidence to establish that best efforts were made;

(6) If the optometrist, after best efforts, is unable to establish a relationship with a physician, the optometrist shall immediately request emergency medical services in the event of a medical emergency or complication during the performance of the procedure. An optometrist who has established such a relationship with a physician, in addition to notifying such physician of the emergency or complication, may also notify medical services;

(7) No optometrist shall be credentialed to use local anesthesia in conjunction with excision of a lesion from the eye or eyelid larger than five millimeters (5 mm), or deeper than the orbicularis or conjunctiva, or to use a needle or cutting device to penetrate or perforate a filtering bleb, Tenon's capsule, an intact cornea, sclera, or retrobulbar space;

(8) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as allowing an optometrist to perform any plastic, functional, cosmetic, or reconstructive surgical procedure on the eyelid or any invasive ophthalmic surgery procedure; and

(9) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as allowing an optometrist to perform any procedure not approved by the board of optometry prior to the enactment of this subdivision;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.