

Amendment No. 4 to SB0220

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 220*

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting the following language in its place:

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) and in the rules of the board of optometry for the administration of pharmaceutical agents in the performance of primary eye care procedures. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as allowing an optometrist to perform any reconstructive surgical procedure on the eyelid. 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;

(2) An optometrist may utilize local anesthesia by injection in performing the following procedures pursuant to this subdivision:

(A) Needle drainage of an eyelid abscess, hematoma, bulla, and seroma;

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

(C) Incision and curettage of a nonrecurrent chalazion;

(D) Simple repair of an eyelid laceration no larger than two and one-half centimeters (2.5 cm) and no deeper than the orbicularis muscle and not involving the eyelid margin or lacrimal drainage structures; or

(E) Removal of foreign bodies in the eyelid not involving lid margin, lacrimal drainage structures, and extending no deeper than the orbicularis muscle;

SECTION 2. The board of optometry is authorized to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this act. All rules shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.