

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 220 – HB 555

March 18, 2013

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Removes an exemption in statute for any optometrist who practiced in conjunction with any retail store or commercial establishment prior to April 17, 1967, thereby prohibiting any optometrist from practicing or offering to practice optometry in conjunction with any retail store or other commercial establishment where merchandise is displayed or offered for sale.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004878):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Prohibits an optometrist using a local anesthetic in conjunction with the primary care treatment of an eyelid lesion unless the optometrist has met certification requirements under Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-8-112(4), including the rules for administration of pharmaceutical agents in the performance of primary care procedures. States that nothing shall authorize an optometrist to perform any reconstructive surgical procedures on the eyelid.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

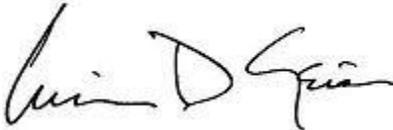
Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The Board of Optometry can handle any rule-making during regularly-scheduled meetings and within existing resources.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §4-3-1011, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Optometry had closing balances of \$122,186 in FY10-11, \$98,387 in FY11-12, and a closing reserve balance of \$452,949 on June 30, 2012.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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