



**Substitute Senate Bill No. 781**

**Public Act No. 09-58**

**AN ACT CONCERNING THERAPEUTIC CONTACT LENSES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 20-127 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

(f) [No] Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no licensed optometrist authorized pursuant to this section to practice advanced optometric care shall dispense controlled substances under schedules II, III, IV and V or under section 21a-252, to any person unless no charge is imposed for such substances and the quantity dispensed does not exceed a seventy-two-hour supply, except if the minimum available quantity for [said agent] such substances is greater than a seventy-two-hour supply, the optometrist may dispense the minimum available quantity. A licensed optometrist authorized pursuant to this section to practice advanced optometric care may acquire, prescribe, dispense and charge for contact lenses that contain ocular agents-T, as defined in subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 2. Section 20-14e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

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(a) A drug dispensed by a prescribing practitioner shall be personally dispensed by the prescribing practitioner and the dispensing of such drug shall not be delegated except that, in emergency departments of acute care hospitals licensed under chapter 368v, the tasks related to dispensing such drug may be carried out by a nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378 under the supervision of the prescribing practitioner.

(b) A patient's medical record shall include a complete record of any drug dispensed by the prescribing practitioner.

(c) A prescribing practitioner dispensing a drug shall package the drug in containers approved by the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission, unless requested otherwise by the patient, and shall label the container with the following information: (1) The full name of the patient; (2) the prescribing practitioner's full name and address; (3) the date of dispensing; (4) instructions for use; and (5) any cautionary statements as may be required by law.

(d) Professional samples dispensed by a prescribing practitioner shall be exempt from the requirements of subsection (c) of this section.

(e) A prescribing physician or surgeon may dispense and sell contact lenses that contain a drug, as defined in section 20-571, and such physician or surgeon shall be exempt from the requirements of subsection (c) of this section when dispensing or selling contact lenses. As used in this subsection, "physician" means a person holding a license issued pursuant to this chapter, except a homeopathic physician.

(f) A licensed optometrist, authorized to practice advanced optometric care pursuant to section 20-127, as amended by this act, who dispenses contact lenses that contain ocular agents-T, as defined in subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 20-127, shall be exempt

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from the requirements of subsection (c) of this section when dispensing or selling contact lenses.

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