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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring optometrists to perform a diagnostic examination and visual assessment of the eyes of each person to whom he or she issues a prescription for corrective lenses

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 7106 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 1-a to read as follows:

1-A. NO PRESCRIPTION FOR CORRECTIVE LENS OR NON-CORRECTIVE CONTACT LENS SHALL BE ISSUED BY AN OPTOMETRIST TO ANY PERSON UNLESS SUCH PRESCRIPTION HAS BEEN SO ISSUED BASED UPON A DIAGNOSTIC EXAMINATION AND VISUAL ASSESSMENT OF THE EYES OF SUCH PERSON, PERSONALLY PERFORMED BY THE OPTOMETRIST.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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