

## Session 112 - (1997-1998)

**S\*0200 (Rat #0191, Act #0121 of 1997) General Bill, By Courtney, Alexander, Anderson, Elliott, Fair, Ford, Glover, Holland, Land, Lander, Martin, McGill, O'Dell, Peeler, Rankin, Reese, M.T. Rose, Thomas and Waldrep**  
**Similar (H 3279)**

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-440 SO AS TO ENACT THE SOUTH CAROLINA EYE CARE SERVICES ACT AND TO PROHIBIT HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS (HMO) AND HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS OFFERING MEDICAL EYE CARE OR VISION CARE BENEFITS FROM UNNECESSARILY RESTRICTING THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRISTS PARTICIPATING IN THE HMO OR PLAN; TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST OPTOMETRISTS OR OPHTHALMOLOGISTS IN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE OR WITH REGARD TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE HMO OR PLAN; TO REQUIRE AN HMO OR PLAN TO CONTRACT WITH OPHTHALMOLOGISTS FOR EYE SURGERY ONLY SERVICES; AND TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR GRIEVANCES RESULTING FROM VIOLATIONS.-AMENDED TITLE

01/21/97	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-9
01/21/97	Senate	Referred to Committee on Banking and Insurance SJ-9
04/10/97	Senate	Recalled from Committee on Banking and Insurance SJ-5
04/15/97	Senate	Amended SJ-40
04/15/97	Senate	Read second time SJ-40
04/15/97	Senate	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day SJ-40
04/16/97	Senate	Read third time and sent to House SJ-27
04/17/97	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-20
04/17/97	House	Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-20
05/27/97	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-94
05/29/97	House	Amended HJ-27
05/29/97	House	Read second time HJ-29
05/29/97	House	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day HJ-30
05/30/97	House	Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments HJ-3
06/04/97	Senate	Concurred in House amendment and enrolled
06/09/97		Ratified R 191
06/13/97		Signed By Governor
06/13/97		Effective date This Act takes effect 180 days after signature by Governor; however, existing contracts may comply with the requirements of this Act at their next renewal date
06/26/97		Copies available
06/26/97		Act No. 121