

2013 -- S 0427

=====
LC01134
=====

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

—————
A N A C T

RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - OPTOMETRISTS

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, DiPalma, Walaska, and Felag

Date Introduced: February 26, 2013

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-35.1-11.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-35.1 entitled
2 "Optometrists" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-35.1-11.1. Subcontracted optometry network.** -- An insurer, including a company
4 offering accident and sickness insurance as defined in chapter 27-18, a nonprofit hospital service
5 corporation as defined in chapter 27-19, a nonprofit medical service corporation as defined in
6 chapter 27-20, or a health maintenance organization as defined in chapter 27-41, shall not require
7 that an optometrist [provide discounted material benefits and/or](#) participate [in an insurer's and/or](#) in
8 a subsidiary's or a third-party's vision care plan as a condition for participation in the insurer's
9 participating provider panel.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

=====
LC01134
=====

EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
A N A C T
RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - OPTOMETRISTS

- 1 This act would prohibit insurers from requiring optometrists to provide discounted
- 2 material benefits and/or to participate in a subsidiary and/or third-party vision care plan as a
- 3 condition for participation in the insurer's participating provider panel.
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

=====
LC01134
=====