

ASSEMBLY, No. 1094

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblyman CORODEMUS

1 AN ACT concerning the use of certain health care facilities by licensed  
2 optometrists and amending P.L.1983, c.28.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.1983, c.28 (C.26:2H-12.1) is amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 1. a. Any health care facility licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136  
10 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.), which provides medical or surgical care, shall  
11 provide for the use of the facility by, and appropriate privileges for,  
12 duly licensed podiatrists and optometrists. Use of the facility and  
13 privileges of a podiatrist or optometrist shall be subject to  
14 nondiscriminatory rules and regulations governing such use or  
15 privileges established by the governing body of the facility for persons  
16 licensed as physicians and surgeons pursuant to R.S.45:9-6 and  
17 dentists pursuant to R.S.45:6-19.

18 b. Nothing in this act shall be construed to require a hospital to  
19 grant admitting privileges to an optometrist or to permit the exercise  
20 of those privileges granted by the hospital without appropriate  
21 collaboration with the attending physician of the patient who is  
22 receiving or will receive care or treatment from the optometrist.

23 (cf: P.L.1983, c.28, s.1)

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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30 This bill amends P.L.1983, c.28 (C.26:2H-12.1) to provide that a  
31 licensed health care facility, which provides medical or surgical care,  
32 shall provide for the use of the facility by, and appropriate privileges

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 for, a duly licensed optometrist, according to the same rules and  
2 regulations governing use and privileges as those established by the  
3 governing body of the facility for licensed physicians and dentists.

4 The bill further provides that nothing in the bill shall be construed  
5 to require a hospital to grant admitting privileges to an optometrist or  
6 to permit the exercise of those privileges granted by the hospital  
7 without appropriate collaboration with the attending physician of the  
8 patient who is receiving or will receive care or treatment from the  
9 optometrist.

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14 Provides for use of certain health care facilities and appropriate  
15 privileges for licensed optometrists.