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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1334

Page 1, line 1, after "Act" insert "to create and enact a new subsection to section 43-13-13.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to consultations with a licensed ophthalmologist; and"

Page 1, line 14, remove the overstrike over "~~Laser therapy and the use of~~"

Page 1, remove the overstrike over line 15

Page 1, line 16, remove the overstrike over "~~bodies may be removed and primary care~~" and remove "Ocular-related diagnostic treatment, or"

Page 1, line 17, remove "noninvasive surgical" and remove "taught by optometric colleges accredited by the"

Page 1, line 18, remove "council on optometric education" and remove "as determined by the board,"

Page 1, line 19, remove "based on emerging technology, education, and credentials"

Page 2, line 2, after "includes" insert "nonscheduled" and after "agents" insert ", except for acetaminophen with thirty milligrams of codeine,"

Page 2, line 15, remove the overstrike over "~~and~~" and remove ", oral anti-glaucoma agents, oral anti-inflammatory agents,"

Page 2, line 16, remove "agents for emergency procedures, and other pharmaceutical agents"

Page 2, after line 23, insert:

**"SECTION 2.** A new subsection to section 43-13-13.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

After initiating treatment for primary open-angle glaucoma, the therapeutically certified optometrist shall consult with a licensed ophthalmologist within seventy-two hours. A treatment plan for each individual patient must be cooperatively identified in accordance with the currently accepted standard of care. In treating and managing glaucoma, if no progress is achieved in realizing the selected range of pressure considered unlikely to cause further optic nerve damage or resulting in further visual field loss, a referral must be made to a licensed ophthalmologist without delay."

Renumber accordingly