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### House Bill 1482

#### Industry, Business, and Labor Committee, Chairman Scott Louser

Chairman Louser and members of the House Industry, Business, and Labor Committee:

I am Representative Emily O'Brien, from District 42, in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

House Bill 1482 was a bill that would make contact lens prescriptions available to patients as long as they had received a lens fitting within twelve months. I had a constituent reach out to me with concerns about not being able to obtain their contact prescription from their optometrists. After working with the North Dakota Optometrists Association this practice is already in place, and there is no longer a need for House Bill 1482. If the committee wanted to amend the bill to the correct version and then kill it, I have provided that amendment below.

Page 1, Line 7 – strike ~~spectacle and~~

Page 1, Line 9 – strike ~~of at least twenty-four months but not to exceed thirty-six months.~~ And replace with **not to exceed twelve months.**

The language should read:

#### Prescriptions.

Upon request, an optometrist shall provide to a patient with a copy of the patient's contact lens prescription. Each prescription must have noted on the prescription an expiration date not to exceed twelve months.

Thank you Chairman Louser and members of the Industry, Business, and Labor Committee. I will stand for any questions.