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Senate Bill 139 (as introduced 2-6-97)
Sponsor: Senator Joanne G. Emmons
Committee: Health Policy and Senior Citizens

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 174 of the Public Health Code, which governs the practice of optometry, to allow an optometrist to use a topically administered antiglaucoma drug.

Currently, under Part 174, an optometrist may administer and prescribe therapeutic pharmaceutical agents in the course of his or her practice, if he or she has fulfilled certain requirements specified in Part 174 and been certified by the Board of Optometry as qualified to administer and prescribe therapeutic pharmaceutical agents. "Therapeutic pharmaceutical agent" means a topically administered prescription drug or other topically administered drug used to treat a defect or abnormal condition, or the effects of a defect or abnormal condition, of the anterior segment of the human eye. The bill provides that a therapeutic pharmaceutical agent also would include a topically administered antiglaucoma drug.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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