

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

SENATE BILL NO. 2199
(Senators Klein, D. Mathern)
(Representatives Delmore, R. Kelsch)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 43-13-13.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to optometrist treatment of primary open-angle glaucoma.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 43-13-13.3 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-13-13.3. Standard of care - When consultation with physician required.

1. An optometrist certified by the board in the use of pharmaceutical agents as provided in this chapter must be held to the same standard of care in the use of such agents as are physicians licensed by the state board of medical examiners.
2. Any optometrist authorized by the board to use pharmaceutical agents ~~must~~ shall consult with a physician duly licensed to practice medicine when any diseased or pathological conditions of the eye do not respond to treatment. The consultation must be documented in the patient's record.
3. ~~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.~~

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2199.

Senate Vote: Yeas 49 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 93 Nays 0 Absent 5

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State