

**2023 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**HB 1482**

# 2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Industry, Business and Labor Committee Room JW327C, State Capitol

HB 1482  
1/31/2023

Relating to optometrists making prescriptions available to patients.

Chairman Louser called to order 8:00 AM

Members Present: Chairman Louser, Vice Chairman Ostlie, Representatives Boschee, Christy, Dakane, Johnson, Kasper, Koppelman, Ruby, Schauer, Thomas, Tveit, Wagner, Warrey.

### Discussion Topics:

- National association
- Lens rule
- Current law

### In favor:

Representative Emily O'Brien, District 42, Primary bill sponsor, with proposed amendment, #18596

Representative Ruby moved a Do Not Pass  
Representative Kasper seconded.

Roll call vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Scott Louser	Y
Representative Mitch Ostlie	Y
Representative Josh Boschee	Y
Representative Josh Christy	Y
Representative Hamida Dakane	Y
Representative Jorin Johnson	Y
Representative Jim Kasper	Y
Representative Ben Koppelman	Y
Representative Dan Ruby	Y
Representative Austen Schauer	Y
Representative Paul J. Thomas	Y
Representative Bill Tveit	Y
Representative Scott Wagner	Y
Representative Jonathan Warrey	Y

Motion passed 14-0-0

Representative Christy will carry the bill.

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Chairman Louser adjourned the meeting 8:06 AM

*Diane Lillis, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1482: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Louser, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO NOT PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
HB 1482 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**TESTIMONY**

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# North Dakota House of Representatives

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**COMMITTEES:**  
Appropriations

January 31, 2023

### 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.