

1 SB245
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3 By Senator McClendon
4 RFD: Health and Human Services
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7 A BILL
8 TO BE ENTITLED
9 AN ACT

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11 To define over-the-counter spectacles and provide
12 for certain requirements for lenses; to provide that the sale
13 of over-the-counter spectacles which do not conform to the
14 definition would be unlawful; and to provide for civil
15 enforcement.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

17 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this act,
18 over-the-counter spectacles means nonprescription,
19 ready-to-wear magnifying spectacles or glasses that contain
20 spherical convex lenses, uniform in each meridian, which are
21 encased in eyeglass frames and intended to ameliorate the
22 symptoms of presbyopia. The lenses in over-the-counter
23 spectacles may not have a minus power (-) and may not exceed
24 plus three and one-half diopters (+3.50).

25 (b) The sale of over-the-counter spectacles which do
26 not conform to the definition in subsection (a) is unlawful.

1 (c) A violation of this act may be enforced by the
2 Board of Optometry, a district attorney, or the Attorney
3 General.

4 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
5 first day of the third month following its passage and
6 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Yeas 29
Nays 0

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Secretary