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H.B. No. 1265

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the office locations of certain persons with regard to  
3 the practice of optometry.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 351.408(d), Occupations Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (d) This section does not apply to a manufacturer,  
8 wholesaler, or retailer of ophthalmic goods who is an optometrist,  
9 therapeutic optometrist, or licensed physician or a legal entity  
10 wholly owned and controlled by at least one optometrist,  
11 therapeutic optometrist, or licensed physician, unless the  
12 optometrist, therapeutic optometrist, or legal entity has offices  
13 at more than six [~~three~~] locations.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.