

OPTOMETRY

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 1967

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SUBCOMMITTEE No. 5
OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D.C.

The Subcommittee met at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1310 Longworth House Office Building, the Hon. B. F. Sisk (Chairman) presiding.

Members Present:

Mr. SISK (Chairman), Mr. WHITENER, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. WALKER, Mr. HORTON, Mr. HARSHA, Mr. GUDE, and Mr. ZWACH. Also Mr. FUQUA.

Also Present:

James T. Clark, Clerk; Hayden S. Garber, Counsel; Sara Watson, Assistant Counsel; Donald Tubridy, Minority Clerk; Leonard O. Hilder, Investigator.

Mr. SISK. Subcommittee No. 5 will be in order.

The Subcommittee has met this morning to begin hearings on a series of bills regarding the licensing, registration and regulation of optometrists to practice optometry here in the District of Columbia.

(The bills referred to follow, together with staff memorandum thereon:)

H.R. 595, 90th Cong., 1st sess., by Mr. Fuqua, H.R. 732 by Mr. Hull, and H.R. 1283 by Mr. Sisk on January 10, 1967; H.R. 10075 by Mr. Springer on May 17, 1967; and H.R. 12251 by Mr. Anderson (Tenn.) on August 10, 1967

A BILL To amend the Act of May 28, 1924, to revise existing law relating to the examination, licensure, registration, and regulation of optometrists and the practice of optometry in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the practice of optometry in the District of Columbia", approved May 28, 1924, as amended (D.C. Code, secs. 501-522), is amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the 'District of Columbia Optometry Act'.

"SEC. 2. Optometry is hereby declared to be a profession. The practice of optometry in the District of Columbia is hereby declared to affect the public health, welfare, and safety, thus requiring regulation and control in the public interest. It is further declared to be a matter of public interest and concern that the practice of optometry be limited to qualified persons, admitted to the practice of optometry in the District of Columbia under the provisions of this Act.

"SEC. 3. As used in this Act—

"(1) 'Commissioners' means the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia or its designated agents;

"(2) 'practice of optometry' means, without the use of drugs, any one, any combination, or all of the following acts or practices: (a) the employment of any objective or subjective means for the examination of the human eye, including its appendages; (b) the measurement of the powers or range of human vision; (c) the determination of the accommodative and refractive powers of the human eye; (d) the determination of the scope of the functions of the human eye in general; (e) the prescription of lenses, prisms, or frames for the aid of the human eye; (f) the adaptation, utilization or furnishing of