

"(2) to any commissioned officer in the armed services who is engaged in the practice of optometry in the District of Columbia insofar as such practice is in the performance of his military duties;

"(3) to an individual licensed in another jurisdiction who is in the District of Columbia to make a clinical demonstration before a professional society, convention, professional association, school, or college, or agency of government.

"(b) This Act shall not be deemed to require a physician or surgeon licensed under the laws of the District of Columbia for the practice of medicine or surgery to have a license under this Act to perform those services defined by this Act as the practice of optometry.

"(c) This Act, other than section 8, shall not apply to any person who fills the written prescription of a physician, surgeon, or an optometrist, or who repairs or restores eyeglasses or spectacles to their previous condition of usefulness, or who practice optometry as defined in Sec. 3(2) (f), and who does not otherwise practice optometry, but this subsection shall not be deemed to authorize such a person to fit contact lenses.

"(d) Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to prevent—

"(1) an optometric clinic approved by the Commissioners from being conducted on a nonprofit basis by a school or college of optometry or by an association of optometrists;

"(2) an optometrist from being employed by or associated with any hospital, clinic, group health practice, nonprofit health service, health expense indemnity corporation or group, or any department, agency, or instrumentality of the Government of the United States or of the government of the District of Columbia, or as an employee of any person to render optometric service and care solely to employees of such person;

"(3) the executor or administrator of the estate of a deceased optometrist from employing a licensed optometrist to carry on the practice of such deceased licensee during the administration of the estate, or the legal representative of a mentally disabled optometrist from employing a licensed optometrist to carry on the practice of such licensee for a period not to exceed one year;

"(4) vision screening programs conducted under the direction or supervision of a licensed optometrist or physician.

"(e) Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to prohibit an optometrist from using the title 'doctor' or any abbreviation thereof except that if he uses such title or such an abbreviation it must be with such qualifications as may be necessary to clearly indicate to the public that he is an optometrist.

"SEC. 10. (a) The Commissioners from time to time shall prescribe and adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out this Act and govern the practice of optometry and the sale of ophthalmic materials which shall include but not be limited to rules and regulations governing the number, size, location, and illumination of signs offering the services of (1) an individual as an optometrist and (2) ophthalmic materials for sale. With respect to the offering of services of an individual as an optometrist, such regulations shall limit the offering thereof to the carrying or publishing of a modest professional card and the display of a modest window or street sign at the location of the individual's practice, which professional card or window or street sign shall display only the name, address, profession, office hours, telephone connections, and if the practice is so limited the specialty practiced by the individual, and in the case of change of address or the starting of practice, to modest announcements thereof. With respect to the offering for sale of ophthalmic materials, such regulations shall limit the offering for sale thereof to a modest window or street sign at the location of the person's place of business and other modest advertisements. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to authorize any optometric service or ophthalmic materials to be advertised in any manner which includes or contains any price, cost, or reference thereof.

"(b) (1) The Commissioners are authorized and empowered, after public hearing, to establish, abolish, increase, or decrease, from time to time, such fees and charges as are necessary to defray the approximate cost of administering the provisions of this Act.

"(2) All funds derived from fees and charges collected in connection with the administration of this Act shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the District of Columbia.