

Dr. CHAPMAN. He is a doctor of osteopathic medicine.

Mr. HORTON. Does that include the eyes?

Dr. CHAPMAN. Yes, there are osteopathic ophthalmologists.

Mr. HARSHA. If I have my eyes examined by the ophthalmologist and he sends me to an optician to make my glasses, he is exempted under this provision?

Dr. CHAPMAN. The ophthalmologist, yes.

Mr. HARSHA. How about the optician?

Dr. CHAPMAN. The optician is permitted to fill prescriptions under the terms of this Act.

Mr. HORTON. Go ahead to the next one.

Dr. CHAPMAN. On page 13, lines 7 and 8 of H.R. 1283, place a comma after the word "optometry" and delete the word "or" before the word "medicine" and insert the phrase "or osteopathy" after the word "medicine" in both lines, so it would read as on page 12, line 24 of H.R. 12276: "This Act shall not apply (1) to any bona fide student of optometry, medicine or osteopathy in the clinic rooms of a school of optometry, medicine, or osteopathy approved by the Commissioners."

The original language of the bill only said optometry, and the purpose was to make certain there would be no question about whether or not these students in these other disciplines could have the same privilege.

On page 13, line 21 of H.R. 1283 has been amended in H.R. 12276 to read:

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 osteopathy to have a license under this Act to perform those services defined by this Act as the practice of optometry.

These are exemption clauses that have been asked for, and that is what we are trying to provide in this change of language.

On page 13, line 25, and page 14, line 1, delete the phrase "physician, surgeon, or an optometrist" and replace with the phrase "person licensed to practice optometry, medicine, or osteopathy".

Mr. HARSHA. That change is at page 13, line 20, of H.R. 12276.

Dr. CHAPMAN. Yes.

Mr. FUQUA. It is somewhat redundant. You are putting in the word "osteopathy".

Mr. HORTON. On line 20, page 13, of the new bill, H.R. 12276.

Mr. SISK. Dr. Chapman, there is apparently a little difference. Actually, it goes back to line 20, page 13, of the new bill.

Dr. CHAPMAN. Mr. Horton, I will be frank to admit I am using some original notes on other bills, and I am sure it is not as accurate as what you have before you in the new bill. I have it all compiled, but it is not numbered exactly as you have it.

Mr. HORTON. We will have to transcribe what you are saying from the old bill to the new bill.

Dr. CHAPMAN. On page 15 is the area where the greatest number of changes, I think, will be found. There is a new subsection (4) inserted between lines 2 and 3, following the words "practice of such license for a period not to exceed one year." We have reference, here again, to nothing in this Act shall be deemed to prevent the following things from happening. There is a new subsection (4) which reads