

lenses, in convenient frames, bring close objects into focus and enable you to see them clearly and easily. The cost is from one-tenth to one-fifth of what you would pay for a custom-made pair of prescription reading glasses.

POINT THREE. THESE GLASSES ARE SAFE TO WEAR

Many millions of pairs of these glasses have been produced, distributed and purchased in the United States without causing harm or injury to the eyes. If magnifying spectacles help a person to see better they have accomplished the necessary goal of all spectacles. Attached hereto and made a part hereof are resolutions by the Medical Society of New Jersey and the New Jersey Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, wherein they have disapproved of the enactment of legislation which would have outlawed the sale of these ready-to-wear glasses even as the bills in the instant case propose to do. These are respectively marked, Exhibits A and B. Also attached hereto are exhibits C and D.

POINT FOUR. THE MERCHANDISING AND WEARING OF THESE GLASSES IS APPROVED BY GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY

In no State of the United States is the sale of these magnifying spectacles prohibited. Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York and Rhode Island, provide that the glasses may be sold if an optometrist is merely present at the place of sale. He is not required to participate in the sale, but to be available if guidance is needed.

Attached hereto is a statement prepared by the Counsel of the Metropolitan Washington Board of Trade showing the State statutory authorizations to sell ready-to-wear reading spectacles. (Exhibit D)

These glasses are and for many years have been freely sold in Maryland, the District of Columbia and Virginia. It is and has been the policy of the Board of Trade to seek and support uniform regulations in the Metropolitan Area. The enactment of this proposed legislation eliminating the sale of ready-to-wear reading glasses would merely force residents of the District of Columbia to go into the two adjoining states to purchase their ready-to-wear reading glasses.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to present our views.

STATE STATUTORY AUTHORIZATIONS TO SELL READY-TO-WEAR READING SPECTACLES

ALABAMA: § 209. "Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to applying to resident merchants who sell eye glasses or spectacles as merchandise in permanently established places of business * * *"

ALASKA: § 4. * * * "Nothing in this act shall be construed to apply to the sale of * * * completely ready-made spectacles and eye glasses sold as merchandise only * * *"

ARIZONA: § 32.1721. "This chapter shall not * * * prohibit the sale of spectacles and eye glasses as merchandise from a permanently established place of business."

ARKANSAS: § 16. "Nothing in this Act * * * shall prohibit the sale of ready-made eyeglasses and spectacles when sold as merchandise at any established place of business, where no attempt is made to practice optometry."

CALIFORNIA: § 3043. "The provisions of this chapter do not prohibit the sale of * * * complete ready to wear eyeglasses as merchandise by any person not holding himself out as competent to examine, test or prescribe for the human eye or its refractive errors."

DELAWARE: Chapter 1017 § 1017. "Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent the sale of spectacles or eye glasses in the ordinary course of trade, provided no part of the Chapter is violated in making such sale."

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: § 20. "That the provisions of this Act shall not apply * * * (b) To persons selling spectacles and (or) eyeglasses and who do not attempt either directly or indirectly to adapt them to the eye, and who do not practice or profess to practice optometry."

FLORIDA: § 463.16. "Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent the sale of * * * ready-made nonprescription glasses."

GEORGIA: § 84-1108. "Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed * * * to prevent any person or persons selling glasses as articles of merchandise * * *"

IDAHO: § 54-1515. "The following persons, firms and corporations are exempt * * * 3. Persons, firms and corporations who manufacture or deal in eye-