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12-2601. *Purpose.* In promulgating these Regulations, the Commissioners declare their purpose to be the establishment of a licensing program which will protect the public from incompetent or unqualified persons who might attempt to practice ophthalmic dispensing in the District, and which will protect qualified and ethical practitioners from the unfair competition of unethical and unfit persons.

12-2602. *Scope of Regulations.* The scope of the Regulations in this chapter extends to the examination, licensure, registration, and regulation of persons practicing ophthalmic dispensing in the District of Columbia.

12-2603. *Definitions.* As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning, the following terms shall mean:

"Board": the District of Columbia Dispensing Optician Examining Board established by PART XV of Reorganization Order No. 59 (amended);

"Commission": the District of Columbia Dispensing Optician Licensing Commission established by PART XV of Reorganization Order No. 59 (amended);

"Commissioners": the Commissioners of the District of Columbia sitting as a Board;

"Committee": the District of Columbia Dispensing Optician Hearing Committee established by PART XV of Reorganization Order No. 59 (amended);

"Department": the Department of Occupations and Professions;

"Director": the Director of the Department of Occupations and Professions;

"Dispensing Optician—Class I": a person licensed by the Commission to practice ophthalmic dispensing excluding the filling of prescriptions for contact lenses;

"Dispensing Optician—Class II": a person licensed by the Commission to practice ophthalmic dispensing including the filling of prescriptions for contact lenses;

"District": The District of Columbia;

"He and derivatives thereof": shall also be construed to include she and derivatives thereof;

"Ophthalmic Dispensing": a person practices ophthalmic dispensing who prepares and dispenses lenses, spectacles, eyeglasses, contact lenses, and/or appurtenance thereto to the intended wearer thereof on the written prescriptions of physicians or optometrists duly licensed to practice their professions, and in accordance with such prescriptions interprets, measures, adapts, fits, and ad-