

CHAPTER 27

AN ACT permitting the incorporation of ophthalmic dispensers and technicians and amending P.L.1969, c.232.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 3 of P.L.1969, c.232 (C.14A:17-3) is amended to read as follows:

C.14A:17-3 Terms defined.

3. Terms defined. As used in this act, the following words shall have the meanings indicated:

(1) "Professional service" shall mean any type of personal service to the public which requires as a condition precedent to the rendering of such service the obtaining of a license or other legal authorization and which prior to the passage of this act and by reason of law could not be performed by a corporation. By way of example and without limiting the generality thereof, the personal services which come within the provisions of this act are the personal services rendered by certified public accountants, architects, optometrists, ophthalmic dispensers and technicians, professional engineers, land surveyors, land planners, chiropractors, physical therapists, registered professional nurses, dentists, osteopaths, physicians and surgeons, doctors of medicine, doctors of dentistry, podiatrists, chiropodists, veterinarians and, subject to the Rules of the Supreme Court, attorneys-at-law;

(2) "Professional corporation" means a corporation which is organized under this act for the sole and specific purpose of rendering the same or closely allied professional service as its shareholders, each of whom must be licensed or otherwise legally authorized within this State to render such professional service;

(3) "Closely allied professional service" means and is limited to the practice of (a) architecture, professional engineering, land surveying and land planning and (b) any branch of medicine and surgery, optometry, opticianry, physical therapy, registered professional nursing, and dentistry;

(4) "Domestic professional legal corporation" means a professional corporation incorporated under P.L.1969, c.232 (C.14A:17-1 et seq.) for the sole purpose of rendering legal services of the type provided by attorneys-at-law;

(5) "Foreign professional legal corporation" means a corporation incorporated under the laws of another state for the purpose of rendering legal services of the type provided by attorneys-at-law.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 26, 2005.