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REFERENDUM PETITION

To the Honorable John Thurston, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully order by this, our petition, that Act No. 579 of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, approved on the 27th day of March, 2013, entitled "An Act to Amend the Definition of Practice of Optometry," be referred to the people of said state, to the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of the state at the biennial regular general election to be held on the 3rd day of November 2020; and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature. The popular Name is AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY" and the ballot title is attached or affixed hereto.

VOTERS REGISTERED IN COUNTY

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State of Arkansas, County of, ___________ (county where notary signs)

I, ___________, being sworn, state that each of the foregoing persons signed his or her own name to this sheet of petition in my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, in the County listed at top of the Petition. At all times during the circulation of this signature sheet, an exact copy of the popular name, ballot title, and text was attached to this signature sheet. My current residence address is correctly stated below.

Signature, ___________

Permanent Domicile Address, ___________

Current Residence Address, ___________

Indicate one: (___) Paid Carveress  (___) Volunteer Unpaid Carveress

On this __________ day of, ____20__, before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared __________, well known to me (or satisfactorily proven by identification documents provided) to be the person described in the foregoing Carveress Affidavit and acknowledged that she executed the same in the capacity of a Carveress for the purposes of fulfilling legal requirements of a Carveress in the State of Arkansas; and that I personally witnessed the signature of the Carveress.

Signature of Notary, ___________

My Commission Expires, ___________

Residence County of Notary, ___________

[Notary Seal Above]
AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF 'PRACTICE OF OPHTHALMOLOGY'
BE IT REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

(TEXT OF REFERRED ACT)

ACT NO. 579 OF 2019

Section 1. Arkansas Code § 17-90-101(a)(3)(B), concerning the definition of “practice of optometry”, is amended to read as follows:

(B) All licensed optometrists are prohibited from using ophthalmic lasers for surgical procedures except as permitted in subdivision (a)(3)(D) of this section, performing cataract surgery, performing radial keratotomy surgery, and selling prescription drugs.

Section 2. Arkansas Code § 17-90-101(a)(3), concerning the definition of “practice of optometry”, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(D) The “practice of optometry” includes the following procedures:

(i) Injections, excluding intravenous or intraocular injections;

(ii) Incision and curettage of a chalazion;

(iii) Removal and biopsy of skin lesions with low risk of malignancy, excluding lesions involving the lid margin or nasal to the puncta;

(iv) Laser capsulotomy; and

(v) Laser trabeculoplasty.

Section 3. Arkansas Code § 17-90-204, concerning the powers and duties of the State Board of Optometry, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(9) To establish credentialing requirements for a licensee to administer or perform procedures as listed in § 17-90-101(a)(3)(D).

Section 4. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 90, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

17-90-206. Reporting requirements.

(a) The State Board of Optometry shall require every optometrist who meets the requirements for certification to perform authorized laser procedures to report to the board regarding the outcome of the procedures performed in a format as required or directed by the board.

(b) Reports under subsection (a) of this section shall also be sent to the Department of Health.