

HOUSE BILL NO. 315

INTRODUCED BY SIMON, CHRISTIAENS, LYNCH, J. RICE,  
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IN THE HOUSE

JANUARY 22, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING.
	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 11, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 12, 1993	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 13, 1993	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
FEBRUARY 15, 1993	ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 16, 1993	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 84; NOES, 15.
FEBRUARY 17, 1993	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 20, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, & SAFETY.
	FIRST READING.
MARCH 29, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 31, 1993	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
APRIL 1, 1993	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 46; NOES, 3.
	RETURNED TO HOUSE.

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APRIL 2, 1993	RECEIVED FROM SENATE.
	SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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 2 INTRODUCED BY *Samuel Christiansen Lyndberg*  
 3 *Byrd* *relating to* *McKen*  
 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING OPTOMETRISTS  
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