## **BILL SUMMARY**

1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature

Bill No.: SB 100
Version: Proposed Committee Substitute 2
Request Number: 8762
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Impact: Please see previous summary of this measure

## **Research Analysis**

The proposed committee substitute to SB 100 adds that an entrance to the optometry area within a retail store cannot be accessed directly from the retail area. The PCS adds "other digital data" to information used to determine liability insurance for assessment mechanisms. The PCS specifies regular business hours to be in Central Standard Time (CST) time zone. The PCS modifies the applicability timeline of this act to:

- Counties with a population of 300,000+ for the period November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2024
- Counties with a population of 200,000+ for the period November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2029
- Counties with a population of 100,000+ for the period November 1, 2029 through October 31, 2036
- Counties with a population of 50,000+ for the period November 1, 2036 through October 31, 2042
- All counties thereafter

The PCS states that an optometrist is not required to participate in a vision care plan as a condition for entering into a contract with a carrier for the provision of medically necessary physician services. The PCS states that unless optometry services are covered by the carrier, no contract between a carrier and an optometrist may set or limit a fee for the services. An optometrist may not charge more for non-covered services than an enrollee's customary rate for those services. Lastly, no contract between a carrier and optometrist may limit the optometrist's choice of suppliers of services or materials.

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## **Fiscal Analysis**

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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## **Other Considerations**

None.

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