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Bill Analysis

SB 902 provides an exemption to optometrists as it relates to accepting employment for purposes of unprofessional and unethical conduct. The measure authorizes optometrists to rent a separate area or room within or adjacent to a retail store. Regardless of whether a store derives income from the optometrist, the Board of Optometry shall not consider the optometrist to be in violation of its standards. The measure also strikes language prohibiting an optometrist from appearing to engage in commercialism.

An entrance opening on a public street, hall, lobby, or corridor shall not be required. The measure provides for a retailer to rent an increasing number of offices to an optometrist starting January 1, 2020 and ending January 1, 2030. After January 1, 2030, the cap is removed. The measure also a person or firm who is not an optometrist to sell optical goods, appliances, or materials and function as an optical supplier in a retail store. All laws and administrative rules of the Board of Examiners in Optometry in conflict with this act shall be null and void.

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