

CHAPTER 149.

[H. B. 373.]

OPTOMETRISTS.

AN ACT relating to the services of optometrists on behalf of persons receiving various types of public aid and health services; and forbidding discrimination among ocular practitioners.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. All agencies of the state and its subdivisions, and all commissions, clinics and boards administering relief, public assistance, public welfare assistance, social security, health insurance, or health service under the laws of this state, shall accept the services of licensed optometrists for any service covered by their licenses relating to any person receiving benefits from said agencies or subdivisions and shall pay for such services in the same way as practitioners of other professions may be paid for similar services. None of the said governmental agencies, or agents, officials or employees thereof, including the public schools, in the performance of their duties shall in any way show discrimination among licensed ocular practitioners.

Public aid and health services shall accept services of optometrists.

Payment for services.

Discrimination among optometrists forbidden.

Passed the House February 28, 1949.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1949.