

S.F. No. 1144 – Modifying limitations on optometrists prescribing and administering drugs

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S.F. No. 1144 (amends Minn. Stat. § 148.56, subdivision 1) revises the scope of practice for optometrists. Existing law prohibits optometrists from administering legend drugs intravenously, intramuscularly, or by injection, except for treatment of anaphylaxis. This bill removes the prohibition on administering legend drugs intramuscularly or by injection, except for treatment of anaphylaxis. Further, this bill adds a new prohibition on administering legend drugs by sub-Tenon, retrobulbar, or intravitreal injections.

Existing law prohibits optometrists from administering or prescribing Schedule II and III oral legend drugs and oral steroids. This bill removes the prohibition on administering or prescribing oral steroids.

Existing law prohibits optometrists from prescribing or administering oral antivirals for more than ten days. This bill removes that prohibition, and adds a new prohibition on administering or prescribing steroids for more than 14 days without consultation with a physician.

Existing law prohibits optometrists from prescribing or administering oral carbonic anhydrase inhibitors for more than seven days. This bill removes that prohibition.

