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Bill 413

## An Act to amend the Optometry Act

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### Introduction

Introduced by  
Mr Raymond Savoie  
Minister responsible for the administration of  
legislation respecting the professions



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This bill amends the Optometry Act to permit optometrists to administer, on certain conditions, certain medications for the sole purpose of examining the eyes of a patient.*

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

**1.** The Optometry Act (R.S.Q., chapter O-7) is amended by inserting, after section 19, the following sections:

**“19.1** Notwithstanding section 16, an optometrist may administer a medication for the sole purpose of examining the eyes of a patient, if the following conditions are met:

- (1) the optometrist holds the permit referred to in section 19.2;
- (2) the medication is mentioned in the list established by regulation under section 19.4;
- (3) the optometrist complies with the terms and conditions fixed in the regulation, where such is the case.

**“19.2** The Office des professions du Québec shall fix, by regulation, the standards for the issue and holding of the permit authorizing an optometrist to administer medication to his patients in accordance with section 19.1.

**“19.3** To obtain the permit referred to in section 19.2, an optometrist must make an application therefor to the Bureau. The Bureau shall issue the permit if the optometrist meets the standards prescribed by the Office with respect to the issue of the permit.

The permit may be suspended or revoked by the Bureau in conformity with the standards of the Office.

**“19.4** The Office des professions du Québec shall prepare periodically, by regulation, after consultation with the Conseil

consultatif de pharmacologie, the Ordre des optométristes du Québec, the Ordre des médecins du Québec and the Ordre des pharmaciens du Québec, a list of the medications that may be administered by an optometrist in accordance with section 19.1, and determine, if expedient, the terms and conditions according to which such medications may be administered by an optometrist.”

**2.** This Act comes into force on *(insert here the date of assent to this Act)*.