

By: Representative Fillingane

To: Public Health and Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 622

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT WRITTEN PRESCRIPTIONS FOR EYEGASSES
2 AND CONTACT LENSES ISSUED TO INDIVIDUALS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
3 DO NOT EXPIRE AND MAY BE FILLED BY ANY AUTHORIZED PRACTITIONER
4 REGARDLESS OF WHEN THE PRESCRIPTION WAS WRITTEN; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 **SECTION 1.** A written prescription by a licensed
8 ophthalmologist or optometrist for corrective lens for eyesight,
9 including eyeglasses and contact lenses, that is issued to an
10 individual who is age eighteen (18) or older when the prescription
11 is written, does not expire and is valid indefinitely. Any
12 practitioner who is legally authorized to fill a prescription for
13 corrective lenses may fill any such prescription regardless of the
14 date on which the prescription was written.

15 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
16 and after July 1, 2002.

