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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would define over-the-counter  
9 spectacles or glasses and specify certain  
10 requirements for lenses. The sale of  
11 over-the-counter spectacles which do not conform  
12 with this definition would be unlawful. The bill  
13 would also provide for civil enforcement.  
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15 A BILL  
16 TO BE ENTITLED  
17 AN ACT  
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19 To define over-the-counter spectacles and provide  
20 for certain requirements for lenses; to provide that the sale  
21 of over-the-counter spectacles which do not conform to the  
22 definition would be unlawful; and to provide for civil  
23 enforcement.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this act,  
26 over-the-counter spectacles means nonprescription,  
27 ready-to-wear magnifying spectacles or glasses that contain

1 spherical convex lenses, uniform in each meridian, which are  
2 encased in eyeglass frames and intended to ameliorate the  
3 symptoms of presbyopia. The lenses in over-the-counter  
4 spectacles may not have a minus power (-) and may not exceed  
5 plus three and one-half diopters (+3.50).

6 (b) The sale of over-the-counter spectacles which do  
7 not conform to the definition in subsection (a) is unlawful.

8 (c) A violation of this act may be enforced by the  
9 Board of Optometry, a district attorney, or the Attorney  
10 General.

11 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
12 first day of the third month following its passage and  
13 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.