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Subject: Re: Request of the Louisiana Board of Optometry Examiners

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Dr. Barcelow, per your request I can answer your questions as follows:

- 1-) Louisiana passed a law in June of 2014 that allowed ODs to perform both lid and laser surgery procedures.
- 2-) As of today 200 Louisiana licensed ODs have been certified to perform these lid and laser surgical procedures.
- 3-) In 2015 ODs in Louisiana performed 1973 laser surgical procedures without a single complaint heard by the board and with zero reported negative outcomes. The number of lid surgeries is not required to be reported. It is expected that the number will go up significantly in 2016.

I hope this is helpful, and if I can be of assistance in any other way, please let me know.

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RE: Board complaints regarding optometrists practicing expanded scope procedures (i.e. Injections, Lasers, Minor Surgical Procedures).

Dear Chairman of the Board,

The Vermont Optometric Association is in the early stages of asking our Board of Optometry to create licensing endorsements for expanded procedures (injections, minor lid surgery, lesion removal, laser surgical procedures). As we go through this process we are looking at states that have a longstanding history of performing these procedures to assess the safety of Optometrists performing these procedures. This information will be needed as we work through this process with the Board as well as our state legislature.

I am writing to respectfully request a letter from the Louisiana Board of Examiners in Optometry answering the following questions.

1. How many years have Optometrists within the state of Louisiana been performing:

- a: Expanded Procedures (i.e. injections, minor lid surgical procedures and lesion removal)
 - b: Laser Surgical Procedures
2. How many Optometrists have an Louisiana license with an endorsement to perform:
- a: Expanded Procedures (i.e. injections, minor lid surgical procedures and lesion removal)
 - b: Laser Surgical Procedures
3. How many complaints, safety concerns, or other adverse events have been brought to the board as a result of allowing these procedures?
- a: Expanded Procedures (i.e. injections, minor lid surgical procedures and lesion removal)
 - b: Laser Surgical Procedures

Please address your correspondence as an attachment to my email, or to

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I thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

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