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SENATE, No. 1094

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 22, 1974

By Senator HORN

Referred to Committee on Labor, Industry and Professions

AN ACT concerning orthoptics, and repealing section 11 of P. L.
1968, c. 114.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 11 of P. L. 1968, c. 114 (C. 45:12A-11) is repealed.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

Section 11 of P. L. 1968, c. 114 (C. 45:12A-11) provides:

11. Any person registered under this act shall be limited to providing orthoptic services under the specific direction and professional supervision of an ophthalmologist or licensed optometrist in a hospital of 100 beds or more accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

This section is being repealed because orthoptics is an ambulatory service. There is no need for a hospital facility. Orthoptics can be performed in any professional office. In addition, 90% of those serviced by an orthoptist are children who could be best served in either a physician's or optometrist's office.

Furthermore, only three hospitals in the State have maintained orthoptic clinics since this law was enacted in 1968. There are only nine registered technicians for the entire State. Before the enactment of P. L. 1968, c. 114 numerous physicians specializing in ophthalmology provided orthoptic services in their offices for their patients. No other state in the Union requires orthoptics to be performed in a hospital of 100 beds or more.