



May 19, 2020

Re: Proposed Statutory Updates to W.S. 31-7-119 – Required Vision Screening

Chairman Von Flatern, Chairman Ecklund and Members of the Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Committee,

The Wyoming Optometric Association supports the Wyoming Department of Transportation's proposal to move vision screening standards out of WY State Statute and into the Department's Rules and Regulations. As we have learned through the COVID-19 pandemic, there can arise extraordinary circumstances where changes to protocols are necessary. This move would serve to facilitate those modifications.

We understand adaptations to the vision screening process may be temporarily required in this time of social distancing. The Wyoming Optometric Association is committed to working with the Wyoming Department of Transportation to assist and advise in determining the accuracy and legitimacy of considered testing methods while maintaining acceptable vision standards and ensuring safety for all Wyoming Drivers.

With Respect and Regard,

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