

HR 2221

Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 3140	Related bill	Dec 6, 2003: Became Public Law No: 108-164.

Summary (as of May 22, 2003)

Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act - Requires a "prescriber" (a person permitted under State law to issue prescriptions for contact lenses) to provide to the patient a copy of the patient's contact lens prescription free of charge.

Declares that a contact lens prescription shall expire: (1) on the date specified by the law of the State involved, if that date is one year or more after the issue date of the prescription; or (2) not less than one year after the issue date of the prescription, if such State law specifies no date or a date that is less than one year after the date of the prescription. Permits an exception in either instance for a patient's ocular health.

Prohibits advertising that lenses for which a prescription is required may be obtained without a prescription. Prohibits a prescriber from issuing certain waivers.

States that any violation of this Act shall be treated as a violation of the Federal Trade Commission Act regarding unfair or deceptive acts or practices.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 9, 2003:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 2, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.
- **May 22, 2003:** Introduced in House
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