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Optometry Board Steps Back from New Rule, Cites CSI Ohio as Reasoning

Columbus – Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor today is commending a recent decision by the Ohio State Board of Optometry to withdraw a proposed rule restricting the contractual relationship of individual optometrists and citing CSI Ohio: The Common Sense Initiative as a reason.

At issue is a proposed rule that would have changed the terms of contracts between licensed optometrists and certain individuals and corporations for providing eye care services. For instance, the new rule could have impacted the relationships between retail stores that sell eyeglasses and contact lenses and the licensed optometrists who see patients in those stores.

“The decision to revisit this rule acknowledges that it has an impact not just on optometrists, but also on the ability of Ohio businesses to serve their customers and create jobs,” Taylor said. “CSI Ohio is inserting common sense into Ohio’s rule-making process and we stand ready to work with agencies, boards and commissions like the Optometry Board as they move forward with approving new rules and regulations.”

CSI Ohio was launched on January 10, 2011 by Gov. John R. Kasich to reform Ohio’s regulatory policies to help make Ohio a jobs and business-friendly state. CSI Ohio will review Ohio’s regulatory system to eliminate excessive and duplicative rules and regulations that stand in the way of job creation.

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