

Vision Care Services Act; SB 206

SB 206 amends provisions of the Vision Care Services Act.

The bill authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to administer the provisions of the Act. The Commissioner is allowed to adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act as applicable to any insurer, health insurer, health benefit plan, or vision care insurance provider. The bill requires the Attorney General to administer the provisions of the Act as it applies to discount cards and vision care discount plans. The Attorney General is allowed to adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act. The Commissioner and the Attorney General are required to adopt the necessary rules and regulations no later than January 1, 2016.

Additionally, the bill amends the definition of a “vision care discount plan” to mean any entity specifically authorized by the vision care providers to provide discounts to patients. The vision care discount plan is not insurance nor a discount card, as defined in statute.