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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill modifies the definition of optometry.

#### Section

- 1**      **Optometry defined.** Amends § 148.56, subd. 1. Adds that the practice of optometry includes:
  - ▶ use of autorefractors or other automated testing devices to measure powers of vision or adaptation of lenses;
  - ▶ diagnosis of disease, optical deficiency or deformity, or visual or muscular anomaly of the visual system consisting of the human eye and its accessory or subordinate anatomical parts;
  - ▶ prescribing plano or cosmetic contact lenses; and
  - ▶ employing or prescribing ocular exercises, orthoptics, or habilitative and rehabilitative vision care.
  
- 2**      **Scope of practice exemption.** Creates § 148.56, subd. 5. Provides that nothing in the optometrist practice act prohibits the practice of a licensed or registered health care provider who is acting with the provider's scope of practice.