

**SUBJECT:** Permit to dispense contact lenses at multiple business locations

**COMMITTEE:** Public Health — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 8 ayes — Delisi, Laubenberg, Truitt, Coleman, Dawson, Jackson, McReynolds, Zedler

0 nays

1 absent — Solis

**WITNESSES:** For — None

Against — None

On — Yvonne Feinleib, Department of State Health Services

**BACKGROUND:** Contact lens dispensing entities with at least 10 locations may obtain a single permit for all business locations and employees. Business entities with nine or fewer locations must obtain a permit for each business location. The permits cost \$300 each.

**DIGEST:** HB 247 would allow a business entity that had more than one location to obtain a single contact lens dispensing permit for the entity and its employees.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005 and would only apply to a business entity that applied for issuance or renewal of a contact lens dispensing permit on or after this date. A business entity that held more than one permit prior to the effective date could only renew one of the permits as it expired after that date.