



# SB 876/HB 631

## Authorizes Eye Surgery by Non-MDs

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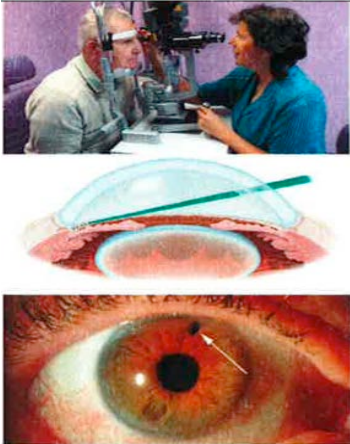
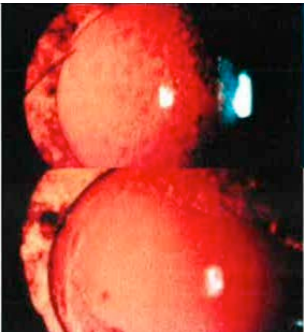
<https://SafeSurgeryFL.com/resources>

Ask your State Legislators to reject this dangerous legislation!

**Vote "NO" on SB 876/HB 631**

- SB 876/HB 631 would allow optometrists to perform laser and scalpel eye surgery!
- Would you trust someone *who has not completed necessary medical education and surgical residency training* to perform surgery on your eyes or the eyes of a loved one?

### Examples below of procedures optometrists could perform if passed by the Florida Legislature

	SURGICAL PROCEDURE	POTENTIAL COMPLICATIONS
 <p>Photos: (Upper) Laser equipment is delivered in conjunction with a high-powered microscope. (Middle) In ALT/SLT, laser energy is focused on very fine structures in between cornea and iris ("angle"). (Lower) Peripheral Lens is just behind PI shown at arrow. Placement more toward the pupil could cause cataract.</p>	<p><b>Glaucoma Laser Procedures:</b>            Argon Laser Trabeculoplasty (ALT)            Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty (SLT)            Argon/YAG Peripheral Iridotomy (PI)            Laser Iridoplasty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involves careful placement of laser energy to structures, some smaller than a human hair to achieve effect</li> <li>• Requires special high power contact lenses and mirrors</li> <li>• Improper treatment can permanently damage drainage structures (possibly making intraocular pressure problems <b>worse</b>) and cause cataract.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Severe post-operative intraocular pressure rises, possibly "snuffing out" an already damaged/weakened optic nerve in severe glaucomas.</li> <li>• Cataract due to laser injuries to lens capsule</li> <li>• Inflammation inside the eye</li> <li>• Corneal abrasion/infection/ulcer (from contact lens)</li> <li>• Conjunctivitis</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Laser Capsulotomy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performed cataract surgery to create opening membrane behind artificial lens that's become cloudy/opaque</li> <li>• Careful placement/restriction of laser energy needed to limit size of hole (<i>note in lower photo how close opening is to lens edge</i>) as lens can lose support and fall into back of eye.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Retinal detachment</b> (<i>energy used creates a "shock wave"</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Dislocation of artificial lens into back of eye.</b></li> <li>• Damage to artificial lens impairing vision</li> <li>• Corneal abrasion/infection/ulcer (<i>from contact lens</i>)</li> <li>• Eye Inflammation -inside eye or on surface of eye.</li> </ul>