

# The Contact Lens Consumer Health Protection Act (S.2777/H.R.6157)

## IMPROVING PRESCRIPTION EXCHANGES TO PROTECT PATIENT SAFETY

The Fairness to Contact Lens Consumer Act of 2003 (FCLCA) improved contact lens patient access and strengthened patient confidence by:

- Requiring that doctors provide patients with a copy of their prescription, ensuring access to a variety of retail options;
- Assuring patients that regardless of where they purchase their lenses, they will receive their exact lenses as prescribed;
- Protecting patients from potential adverse events from wearing lenses different than those prescribed.

### Seeing 20/20:

#### CHALLENGES IN TODAY'S ONLINE MARKETPLACE<sup>1</sup>

**25%** of patients have **unknowingly received lenses different than prescribed** by their eye doctor

**1 in 3** patients has been able to purchase lenses **using an expired prescription**

**33%** of patients have been advised by an online retailer **to substitute non-prescribed lenses** due to supply issues

<sup>1</sup>From September 24-October 2, 2015 APCO Insight conducted an online quantitative survey among 500 U.S. consumers who have purchased contacts online in the last six months, on behalf of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care.

The Contact Lens Consumer Health Protection Act (S.2777/H.R.6157) would make clarifications in the FCLCA that **would**:



**Prevent** sellers from ignoring medical concerns raised by a patient's prescriber



**Alleviate** the flood of robo-calls to prescribers by allowing them to select a preferred method of communication, and defining a clear and standard way for them to respond



**Require** sellers to dispense contact lens prescriptions exactly as written



**Clarify** the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) role and the penalties it may impose on noncompliant parties

The Contact Lens Consumer Health Protection Act **would not**:



**Eliminate or slow** the verification process

**Obstruct** a patient's right to a copy of their contact lens prescription

**Increase** the cost of contact lenses

**Delay** the delivery of contact lenses to patients or alter the FTC's definition of the "business day"

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