

# SB 440

AN ACT relative to the board of optometry  
and the regulation of optometry.

## VOICE MAIL PHONE SCRIPT



### VOICE MAIL OPTION #1

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am an optometrist at \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ and I live in \_\_\_\_\_.

I'm calling to ask for your support of SB 440, which passed the House ED&A committee last week and will be up for the House floor vote on Thursday, May 23rd. It also passed unanimously out of the Senate and was on the consent calendar.

The bill brings our statute up-to-date with current education by allowing doctors of optometry to perform in-of ice procedures that are taught in every optometry school in the country and are performed in other states, some since the 1980s.

Most importantly, the bill will improve access to care by not forcing doctors of optometry to refer for things we are trained to do. As it is now, patients need to make additional appointments and incur more costs to see an ophthalmologist or even an APRN to do what we, as eye doctors, have training for and could do if we were in another state.

I hope you can support SB 440, and I am happy to be a resource for you and answer any questions you may have along the way. Feel free to call or text anytime.

My cell phone number is \_\_\_\_\_. Thank you for your service to NH.

### VOICE MAIL OPTION #2

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am an optometrist at \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ and I live in \_\_\_\_\_.

I'm calling about SB 440 which will have a House floor vote on Thursday, May 23rd, and I hope you'll be there to vote in favor. SB 440 came out of ED&A committee with amendment with a favorable 14-6 vote. It has a majority of both Democrat and Republican support, plus SB 440 passed unanimously both in the subcommittee and out of the Senate on the consent calendar.

The goal of the bill is to improve access to eye care by reducing wait times and eliminating duplicative and costly appointments by allowing optometrists to perform specific, limited, in-of ice procedures. All optometry schools in the country teach these procedures and other states have allowed doctors of optometry to perform these in-of ice procedures for years, some since the 1980s.

Doctors of optometry are well equipped for what this bill allows. Ophthalmology has always painted a doomsday picture with scare tactics every time we update our scope of practice. Yet, NO optometric scope update in ANY state has EVER been repealed and we continue to have VERY low liability insurance rates, evidence of our education and training, and of the great care we take with our patients.

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*My cell phone number is \_\_\_\_\_. Thank you so much for your time, and I appreciate your service to our great state.*