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An optometrist may practice only in an individual capacity under the optometrist's own name or in association with a licensed practitioner of optometry or of another of the healing arts and sciences. The following are unauthorized associations subject to the sanctions of section 2431-A: [1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §161 (AMD).]

**1. Associations.** Association for the joint practice of optometry with an individual, corporation or partnership not licensed to practice optometry or another of the healing arts;

[ 1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §161 (AMD) .]

**2. Aiding unauthorized practice.** Assisting an unlicensed individual, corporation or partnership in the practice of optometry;

[ 1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §161 (AMD) .]

**3. Loan of license.** The lending, leasing or in any other manner placing of one's license at the disposal of or in the service of an individual not licensed to practice optometry in this State;

[ 1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §161 (AMD) .]

**4. Mercantile employment.** The practice of optometry as a full or part-time employee of a mercantile establishment or directly or indirectly encouraging one's optometric services to be promoted as part of a mercantile or commercial establishment. In this prohibition is included the practice of optometry as a lessee of a commercial or mercantile establishment involved in the selling of spectacles, frames, mounting, lenses or other optical devices; and

[ 1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §161 (AMD) .]

**5. Continuing unauthorized associations.** The continuance of an optometrist directly or indirectly in the employ of or in association with an optometrist after knowledge that the optometrist is engaged in the violation of the provisions of this chapter.

[ 1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §161 (AMD) .]

#### SECTION HISTORY

1973, c. 788, §156 (NEW). 1983, c. 378, §33 (AMD). 1993, c. 600, §A161 (AMD).

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