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I'm not sure of the details of the proposed bill, but I'm certainly not in favor of reducing my ability to access contact lenses quickly and inexpensively.

My experience has been that the few optometrists I have gone to over the years not only do not give me my prescription unless I beg for it, they often take the lenses out of the prepackaged cases and or obscure the writing on the packaging to make it difficult to read. In addition, access to my prescription - which is very strong - is a struggle since they are never in stock and have to be special ordered. Average wait time has been ten days to two weeks from the date of the appointment until I actually get the contacts.

Over the past couple years I have switched to ordering the lenses over the internet - they then confirm the prescription with the optometrist (reducing my hassle) and I have the lenses usually in three or four days.

That is the way it should be. Let the optometrists do what they are best at - determining the prescription - and let the folks good at distribution handle the product. If certain people want the added personal touch of having the optometrist show them how to insert the lenses, etc. fine, let them order through the opt and pay extra for the dispensing appts, etc.

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