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As a contact lens wearer, I have more than once found myself in a situation in I lost or tore a lens and did not have a replacement, either because my supply had been depleted or I was out of town and traveling. Luckily, as a result of my membership with online contact lens suppliers such as 1-800 Contacts, I have been able to get a replacement overnight. This has been critical to my ability to continue to perform my work, operate a motorized vehicle, supervise my children and a myriad of other adult responsibilities which are dependent on visual acuity. It is hard enough to go 24 hours with poor vision, but if you were to implement legislation that requires contact lens providers to wait days before filling a prescription, this would create many personal crises. I do not understand the merits of this bill as it is hardly possible to overdose on such a prescription. Intention to fulfill for the use of others or any other "ab! use" I can imagine could be perpetrated with a longer fill time anyway. It does not merit penalizing those of us who have rightful, immediate need for corrective eyewear. Thanks for your consideration of my stance on this matter.

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