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AN ACT

Relating to the practice of optometry.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 08.72.090 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.72.090. RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS. The Department of Commerce shall keep a record of all proceedings, including the name of each applicant for examination and registration. These records shall be open for public inspection.

* Sec. 2. AS 08.72 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 08.72.125. REGISTRATION OF BRANCH OFFICES. (a) The board may issue to an Alaskan licensee who maintains a full-time practice in the state but who serves other communities in the state on a part-time basis a branch office certificate of registration.

(b) It is unlawful for a person to practice, attempt or offer to practice, optometry in communities on a part-time basis without obtaining a branch office certificate of registration from the board, and without filing the certificate with the clerk of the superior court in each judicial district in which he maintains a branch office. The board shall prescribe in the regulations the factors to be considered in issuing a branch office certificate of registration.

* Sec. 3. AS 08.72.140(1) is repealed.

* Sec. 4. AS 08.72.140(2) is amended to read:

(2) he has normal color perception and a visual

acuity of a standard of at least 20/40 in at least one eye as corrected;

* Sec. 5. AS 08.72.140 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(6) he is of good moral character.

* Sec. 6. AS 08.72.150 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.72.150. APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION AND ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE. An applicant shall apply for the examination by filing an application with the department together with the examination fee at least 15 days before the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination by the applicant and payment of the fee, the board shall issue a certificate of registration as a licensed optometrist to the applicant. After the applicant has properly filed his certificate of registration he may practice optometry in the state.

* Sec. 7. AS 08.72.160 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

Sec. 08.72.160. EXAMINATION. (a) The examination shall be written, practical, and oral in nature. The oral portion of the examination shall be recorded and retained for two years.

(b) An applicant who fails the practical or the oral portion of the examination may take a re-examination in that portion without paying an additional examination fee.

(c) An applicant who fails the written portion of the examination may take a re-examination in the written portion upon payment of an additional examination fee.

(d) An applicant who fails more than one portion of the examination must retake the entire examination and pay the full examination fee.

* Sec. 8. AS 08.72.170 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

Sec. 08.72.170. ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE BY WAIVER OF WRITTEN EXAMINATION. (a) The board may waive the written portion of the examination requirement to an applicant who:

(1) meets the qualifications of sec. 140 of this chapter;

(2) holds a current license by examination in another state, territory or foreign country and has been established in ethical optometric practice for at least three years before the application, or shows satisfactory evidence of having passed the written portion of the examination given by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry; and

(3) has not had a certificate or license revoked for cause in any state, territory or foreign country.

(b) No waiver of the practical or oral portions of the examinations may be given.

* Sec. 9. AS 08.72 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 08.72.181. RENEWAL OF LICENSE AND APPLICATION.

- (a) To remain in force a license must be renewed biennially.
- (b) An optometrist licensed in this state and serving in the military service of the United States, while in the discharge of his official duties, may maintain his eligibility to practice in this state without paying a renewal fee by registering his name and place of residence with the department.
- (c) An application for license renewal shall contain the name, office and post office address, date and license number of the licensee, and other information the board considers necessary.

(d) Before a license may be renewed the licensee shall submit to the board evidence of 24 hours post graduate education as prescribed by regulations of the board.

* Sec. 10. AS 08.72.190 - 08.72.220 are repealed.

* Sec. 11. AS 08.72 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 08.72.191. FEES. The following fees shall be imposed under this chapter when applicable:

(1) examination fee	\$35
(2) re-examination fee for written portion	25
(3) waiver of examination fee	25
(4) certificate fee	50
(5) biennial renewal fee	50
(6) branch office biennial registration fee	25

* Sec. 12. AS 08.72.230 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

Sec. 08.72.230. FEES AND DISBURSEMENTS. The department shall collect all fees and keep a record of each transaction, and shall remit to the Department of Revenue all money received.

* Sec. 13. AS 08.72.300 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

- (5) "recognized school or college of optometry" is one which is approved by the American Optometric Association or one of its committees;
- (6) "department" means the Department of Commerce.