

**HOUSE BILL NO. 391**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Introduced: 2/8/02

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Dispensing Opticians; relating  
2 to the regulation of dispensing opticians; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 08.03.010(c)(9) is amended to read:

5 (9) Board of Dispensing Opticians (AS 08.71.010) -- June 30, 2005  
6 [2002];

7 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 08.71.090 is amended to read:

8 **Sec. 08.71.090. Content of examination.** To be licensed as a dispensing  
9 optician, a person, unless eligible for licensing without examination under  
10 AS 08.71.145, shall pass an examination given by the board. A person applying for  
11 a license to dispense contact lenses shall pass the contact lens registry  
12 examination offered by the National Contact Lens Examiners. A person applying  
13 for a license to dispense other lenses, eyeglasses, spectacles, artificial eyes, and  
14 their appurtenances shall pass the national opticianry competency examination

1        **offered by the American Board of Opticianry. An applicant for licensure in both**  
 2        **areas shall pass both examinations** [AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD,  
 3        THE EXAMINATION MAY TEST ORALLY, IN WRITING, OR OTHERWISE,  
 4        KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING  
 5        SUBJECTS: OPTICS, ANATOMY, LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY,  
 6        OPHTHALMIC DISPENSING, CONTACT LENS TECHNOLOGY, TECHNICAL  
 7        MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS, AND BUSINESS CONCEPTS OF OPTICAL  
 8        DISPENSING].

9        \* **Sec. 3.** AS 08.71.110 is amended to read:

10                **Sec. 08.71.110. Qualifications of applicants for examination.** (a) A person  
 11        is entitled to take **an** [THE] examination who

12                        (1) has had education equivalent to four years attendance at a high  
 13        school;

14                        (2) has either

15                                (A) completed at least **3,000** [6,000] hours of training as an  
 16        apprentice after registering with the department as an apprentice; or

17                                (B) been engaged for at least **3,000** [6,000] hours as a  
 18        practicing optician in good standing in a state, territory, district, or possession  
 19        of the United States; and

20                        (3) has paid the required examination fee.

21                        (b) Graduation from an associate degree program in a recognized school or  
 22        college of opticianry may be substituted for **2,000** [4,000] of the **3,000** [6,000] hours  
 23        of experience required by (a)(2) of this section.

24        \* **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).