

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 244(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/13/02

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND
AUDIT COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Examiners in Optometry; and
2 relating to optometrists."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS AS 08.03.010(c)(14) is amended to read:

5 (14) Board of Examiners in Optometry (AS 08.72.010) -- June 30,
6 2006 [2002];

7 * **Sec. 2.** AS 08.72.160(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) The examination **must** [SHALL BE WRITTEN , PRACTICAL, AND
9 ORAL IN NATURE. THE WRITTEN PORTION OF THE ALASKA
10 EXAMINATION SHALL] consist of **two sections: (1)** all or part of a national or
11 international examination designated by regulation by the board; **and (2) an**
12 **examination approved by the board that is designed to test the applicant's**
13 **knowledge of the laws of Alaska governing the practice of optometry and the**
14 **regulations adopted under those laws** [. THE ORAL PORTION OF THE

1 EXAMINATION SHALL BE RECORDED AND RETAINED FOR TWO YEARS].

2 * **Sec. 3.** AS 08.72.170 is repealed and reenacted to read:

3 **Sec. 08.72.170. Licensure by credentials.** The board shall issue a license by
4 credentials to an applicant who

5 (1) has had education equivalent to four years of attendance at a state
6 high school;

7 (2) is a graduate of a recognized school or college of optometry;

8 (3) has passed a written examination approved by the board that is
9 designed to test the applicant's knowledge of the laws of Alaska governing the practice
10 of optometry and the regulations adopted under those laws;

11 (4) holds a current license to practice optometry in another state or
12 territory of the United States or in a province of Canada;

13 (5) at some time in the past, received a license to practice optometry
14 from another state or territory of the United States or from a province of Canada that
15 required the person to successfully complete an examination in optometry;

16 (6) was engaged in the active licensed clinical practice of optometry in
17 a state or territory of the United States or in a province of Canada for at least 3120
18 hours during the 36 months preceding the date of application under this section;

19 (7) has not committed an act in any jurisdiction that would have
20 constituted a violation of this chapter or regulations adopted under this chapter at the
21 time the act was committed; and

22 (8) has not been disciplined by an optometry licensing entity in another
23 jurisdiction and is not the subject of a pending disciplinary proceeding conducted by
24 an optometry licensing entity in another jurisdiction.

25 * **Sec. 4.** AS 08.72.181(d) is amended to read:

26 (d) Before a license may be renewed, the licensee shall submit to the board
27 evidence of 24 [48] hours of postgraduate continuing education instruction as
28 prescribed by regulations of the board. The board may specify by regulation those
29 circumstances under which the requirements of this subsection may be waived.

30 * **Sec. 5.** AS 08.72.191 is amended to read:

31 **Sec. 08.72.191. Fees.** The department shall set fees under AS 08.01.065 for

1 the following:

- 2 (1) examination;
- 3 (2) reexamination [FOR THE WRITTEN PORTION];
- 4 (3) **licensure by credentials** [WAIVER OF EXAMINATION];
- 5 (4) license;
- 6 (5) renewal;
- 7 (6) branch office license and renewal.