

SENATE BILL NO. 270

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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

Introduced: 2/1/02

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).