

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 255(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/16/06

Referred: Finance

**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 for the Board of Examiners in Optometry;**
2 **amending the licensing endorsement and renewal provisions for optometrists; and**
3 **providing for an effective date."**

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

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

6 (14) Board of Examiners in Optometry (AS 08.72.010) - June 30, **2014**
7 [2006];

8 *** Sec. 2.** AS 08.72.175(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) The board may issue a license endorsement authorizing a licensee to
10 prescribe and use the pharmaceutical agents described in **AS 08.72.272(a)**
11 [AS 08.72.272], if the licensee or applicant for a license passes the written and
12 practical portions of an examination on ocular pharmacology, approved by the board,
13 that tests the licensee's or the applicant's knowledge of the characteristics,
14 pharmacological effects, indications, contraindications, and emergency care associated

1 with the prescription and use of pharmaceutical agents. The endorsement expires at the
 2 same time as the license to which it attaches. The endorsement may be renewed upon
 3 satisfactory completion of continuing education requirements established by the board
 4 by regulation.

5 * **Sec. 3.** AS 08.72.175 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (c) The board may issue a license endorsement authorizing a licensee to use
 7 the pharmaceutical agents described in AS 08.72.272(c), if the licensee or applicant
 8 for a license passes the written and practical portions of an examination on ocular
 9 pharmacology, approved by the board, that tests the licensee's or the applicant's
 10 knowledge of the characteristics, pharmacological effect, indications,
 11 contraindications, and emergency care associated with the use of pharmaceutical
 12 agents. The endorsement expires at the same time as the license to which it attaches.
 13 The endorsement may be renewed on satisfactory completion of continuing education
 14 requirements established by the board by regulation.

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

16 (d) Before a license may be renewed, the licensee shall submit to the board
 17 evidence [OF 24 HOURS] of postgraduate continuing education instruction as
 18 prescribed by regulations of the board. [THE BOARD MAY SPECIFY BY
 19 REGULATION THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE
 20 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE WAIVED.]

21 * **Sec. 5.** AS 08.72.272(b) is amended to read:

22 (b) A licensee may not purchase, possess, prescribe, or use a pharmaceutical
 23 agent unless the licensee has obtained the appropriate [A] license endorsement under
 24 AS 08.72.175.

25 * **Sec. 6.** AS 08.72.272 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

26 (c) A licensee may use a pharmaceutical agent in the practice of optometry if
 27 (1) the pharmaceutical agent is a drug topically applied to the human
 28 eye and its appendages; and
 29 (2) the person holds a license endorsement issued by the board
 30 authorizing the use of the pharmaceutical agent.

31 * **Sec. 7.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to

1 read:

2 RETROACTIVITY. Sections 2, 3, 5, and 6 of this Act are retroactive to July 1, 1992.

3 * **Sec. 8.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).