

1 IN THE SENATE

BY MCNEALY

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SENATE BILL NO. 242

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the practice of optom-
etry in the state."

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

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* Section 1. AS 08.72.140 is amended to read:

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Sec. 08.72.140. QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXAMINATION. The

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board shall admit to the examination a person who furnishes
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(1) he is at least 21 years of age and of good

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character;

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(2) he has normal color perception and a visual

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

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(3) he is not afflicted with a contagious or

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infectious disease;

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(4) he has had education equivalent to four years

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attendance at a state high school;

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(5) he is a graduate of a recognized [HAS HAD

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PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN OPTOMETRY FOR NOT LESS THAN 2,000

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HOURS IN ATTENDANCE AT A REPUTABLE] school or college of

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optometry[; AND

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(6) HE HAS A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION IN THE

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BASIC SCIENCES AS PROVIDED IN AS 08.16.200].

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* Sec. 2. AS 08.72.300 is amended to read:

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Sec. 08.72.300. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter

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(1) "board" means the Board of Examiners in

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Optometry;

(2) "optometry" is the employment of means or methods, other than the use of drugs, for the diagnosis of an optical deficiency or deformity, visual or muscular anomaly of the human eye, or the prescription or application of lenses, prisms or ocular exercises for the correction or relief of the human eye;

(3) "practicing optometry" means the diagnosis, by means or methods other than the use of drugs, of an optical deficiency or deformity, visual or muscular anomaly of the human eye, or the prescription or application of lenses, prisms or ocular exercises for the correction or relief of the human eye, or the holding of oneself out as being able to do so;

(4) "lenses" mean conventional or contact lenses.