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Referred: Commerce and  
Health, Welfare and Education

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 519

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to optometry."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 08.72 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 08.72.180. ANNUAL RENEWAL OF LICENSE. Before January 1 of  
10 each year, the secretary of the board shall mail to each registered  
11 optometrist at the address given at the last registration an applica-  
12 for reregistration. The application shall contain the name, office and  
13 post office address, date and number of the license of the registered  
14 optometrist [, AND OTHER INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS AS THE BOARD CON-  
15 SIDERS NECESSARY]. In addition to this information a person seeking  
16 reregistration under this section shall submit proof of having received  
17 24 hours of post graduate education within the immediately preceding  
18 license period. The courses required in this section must be approved  
19 by the American Optometric Association, the Alaska Optometric Associa-  
20 tion, the Alaska Board of Examiners in Optometry, the Optometric  
21 Extension Program or a college of optometry recognized by one of these  
22 groups. The board, on request, shall give a decision on the accepta-  
23 bility of a proposed post graduate program aimed at fulfilling the  
24 requirements of this section, if the person making the request submits  
25 a list of the curriculum and instructors along with other information  
26 reasonably required by the board, at least 30 days before the beginning  
27 of the course. Courses by correspondence will not be considered by the  
28 board. Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, the board  
29 may exempt a person from the post graduate requirements of this section

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upon receiving satisfactory proof that the person failing to meet these requirements was prevented from doing so due to illness or other hardship. The licensee shall file the application together with the fee for registration renewal. Upon receipt of the application and fee, the secretary shall issue a certificate of registration valid for the ensuing year.