

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE LABOR AND
COMMERCE COMMITTEE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 534

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to regulation of dispensing opti-
7 cians and dispensing optician apprentices; extending
8 the termination date of the Board of Dispensing
9 Opticians; and providing for an effective date."

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

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

12 (5) Board of Dispensing Opticians (AS 08.71.010) --
13 June 30, 1992 [1988].

14 * Sec. 2. AS 08.71.110(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) A person is entitled to take the examination who

16 (1) has had education equivalent to four years attendance
17 at a high school;

18 (2) has either

19 (A) completed at least 6,000 hours of training as an
20 apprentice after registering with the department as an appren-
21 tice; [,] or

22 (B) been engaged for at least 6,000 hours as a prac-
23 ticing optician in good standing in a state, territory, district,
24 or possession of the United States; and

25 (3) has paid the required examination fee.

26 * Sec. 3. AS 08.71.130(d) is amended to read:

27 (d) Before a license may be renewed the licensee shall submit to
28 the board evidence [OF 30 HOURS] of continuing competence in optical
29 dispensing as prescribed by regulations of the board.

1 * Sec. 4. AS 08.71.160 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 08.71.160. DISPENSING OPTICIAN'S APPRENTICE. (a) A person
3 may be employed by or serve under a licensed dispensing optician as an
4 apprentice. An apprentice shall register with the department before
5 beginning employment or service as an apprentice, shall be designated
6 as such in the records of the board, [AT THE REQUEST OF A LICENSED
7 PHYSICIAN, OPTOMETRIST OR DISPENSING OPTICIAN] and shall be in
8 training and under the direct supervision of a licensed physician,
9 optometrist, or dispensing optician. Under [AN APPRENTICE MAY NOT BE
10 EMPLOYED UNDER] this section a person may not apprentice for longer
11 than six years unless the board determines that the person [AN APPREN-
12 TICE] is prevented by circumstances beyond the person's [APPRENTICE'S]
13 control from obtaining a license as a dispensing optician within that
14 time.

15 (b) No more than two apprentices may be under the direct super-
16 vision of one licensed dispensing optician at the same time.

17 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).