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GOVERNOR



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JUNEAU

February 14, 1986

The Honorable Ben Grussendorf  
Speaker of the House  
Alaska State Legislature  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Grussendorf:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill to extend the Board of Dispensing Opticians until June 30, 1988 and to make minor changes in two sections of AS 08.71, concerning opticians' eligibility for examination for licensure and renewal of licensure.

Although the June 30, 1985 termination date for the Board of Dispensing Opticians has passed, the board continues in existence until June 30, 1986 under the wind-down provisions of AS 08.03.020.

Last spring, I vetoed CSSB 167(L&C) which would have continued the board until 1989 and made the same change as does sec. 3 of this bill regarding optician license renewal, along with several other changes to AS 08.71, concerning licensing of opticians. After that veto, I appointed a working group identical to that which would have been required by the vetoed bill. That working group recommended, by unanimous vote, all of the provisions of the attached bill.

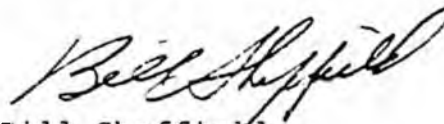
I believe that the best way to solve the inefficiencies, controversies, and sometimes bitter contention, that pervades the sometimes overlapping and deeply interrelated professions of optometry and opticianry is to pursue combining the two separate boards and statutes now regulating each. I agree with the working group that this somewhat radical change from the status quo can be most productively pursued as part of simultaneous sunset review of both

boards. That is why this bill extends the Board of Dispensing Opticians until the June 30, 1988 sunset date for the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Meanwhile, the working group, also by unanimous vote, recommended other changes to AS 08.71, the dispensing optician statutes, which are also part of the bill. I agree with these changes, including the doubling of the number of continuing education hours in sec. 3 of the bill. In 1980 the license renewal date was changed from every two years to every four years, but a corresponding doubling of the continuing education hour requirement was overlooked. Now that all the 66 dispensing optician licenses were renewed last summer, for four years, the licensees will have ample notice and time to comply with the doubled requirement. The changes made by sec. 2 of the bill affect the qualifications that must be met by an applicant for examination.

I urge your prompt action to pass this bill so that we can continue to work with the opticians and the optometrists to pursue a better, more efficient way to regulate these two interrelated professions in truly the best interests of the consuming public.

Sincerely,



Bill Sheffield  
Governor

STATE OF ALASKA 1986 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date : \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUEST**

Bill/Resolution No. : HB (DRAFT)  
 Title : An Act relating to dispensing opticians; and providing for an effective date.  
 Sponsor : By request of the Governor  
 Requestor : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Request : \_\_\_\_\_

**FISCAL DETAIL**

Agency Affected : Commerce & Econ. Dev.  
 BRU : Occupational Licensing  
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 Components : \_\_\_\_\_  
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**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES : (Thousands of Dollars)**

OPERATING	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE		0	0	0	0	0
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**FUNDING : (Thousands of Dollars)**

GENERAL FUND		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

**POSITIONS :**

FULL-TIME		0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

**ANALYSIS :** Attach a separate page if necessary

This legislation is not expected to incur new costs since operating expenses are already built into the division's operating budget for FY 87. Although the board is in its final year of sunset, continuation of the board remains a possibility. New revenues are not expected to be generated by the bill.

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 Division : Occupational Licensing Date : 2/11/86

Approved by Commissioner : [Signature] Date : 2/11/86  
 Agency : Commerce and Economic Development

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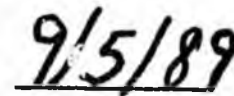


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