

**HB**

**168**

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA

BILL NO. HB 168

1995 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: March 3, 1995

Department: Commerce and Economic Development

Title: An Act relating to temporary permits for certain optometrists.

BRU: Occupational Licensing

Component: Operations

Sponsor: House HES

Requestor: House HES

COMPONENT SERIAL #: 1844

**Expenditures/Revenues**

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES						
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**FUND SOURCE**

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 General Fund						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
<b>TOTAL</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY 95) cost: \$ 0.0

**POSITIONS**

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

HB 168 authorizes the issuance of a temporary permit to a nonresident optometrist to substitute for an Alaska licensed optometrist with an established practice. The costs associated with issuing 60 consecutive day temporary permits which may be renewed three times within a 12-month period are anticipated to be minimal, therefore, an increased appropriation is not needed at this time. At the start of FY 95, there were 94 optometrists licensed to practice in Alaska. HB 168 requires applicants to pay a fee for the permit. Fees collected will be used to cover any costs associated with this provision.

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Division: Occupational Licensing

Date: 3/3/95

Approved by Commissioner: William L. Hensley

Date: 3/6/95

Agency: Commerce and Economic Development

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# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)  
 Date Referred: February 8, 1995 FURTHER REFERRALS: Labor & Commerce

Date of Committee Action: 3/16/95

The HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES Committee considered: HB 168

HOUSE BILL NO. 168 PERMITS FOR NONRESIDENT OPTOMETRISTS

"An Act relating to temporary permits for certain optometrists."

recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute CS HB 168 (HESS)  the same title  
 a new title

additional referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee  
 attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(s): (Dept) \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date) \_\_\_\_\_  
 fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_  fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_

zero fiscal note(s) CED  zero fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	DP	DNP	NR	AM
<i>[Signature]</i>	✓			
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CHAIR'S SIGNATURE *Car Bende*

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3/14/95

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 168( )

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY

Offered:  
Referred:

Sponsor(s): HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to temporary permits for certain optometrists."

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

3 \* Section 1. AS 08.72 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4           Sec. 08.72.172. PERMIT FOR LOCUM TENENS PRACTICE. (a) The board  
5           may issue a temporary permit to a nonresident optometrist for the purpose of assisting  
6           or substituting for an optometrist licensed under this chapter. The optometrist who  
7           will be assisted or for whom the nonresident optometrist will be substituting shall  
8           submit a written request to the board asking for the locum tenens permit to be issued  
9           for the nonresident. A resident optometrist licensed under this chapter may not request  
10          more than one locum tenens permit within a 12-month period.

11           (b) A permit issued under this section is valid for 60 consecutive days and  
12          may be renewed up to two times within a 12-month period if circumstances warrant.  
13          Permits issued under this section are not valid for more than 180 consecutive days of  
14          practice within a 12-month period.

15           (c) A person who applies for a permit under this section shall pay the required

1 fee and furnish proof of

2 (1) holding a valid, current, and unrestricted license to practice  
3 optometry issued by a state or territory of the United States or by a province or  
4 territory of Canada, Australia, or New Zealand; and

5 (2) there being no unresolved complaints or formal charges filed against  
6 the applicant with a licensing board.

7 (d) Within 10 days after a permit has been issued under this section, the board  
8 shall forward to the department a report of the issuance of the permit.

9 (e) The board shall issue to a permittee under this section an endorsement or  
10 other evidence of authorization to use pharmaceutical agents or perform other special  
11 procedures that are not authorized under a general license issued under AS 08.72.150  
12 if the permittee

13 (1) meets the requirements of this chapter for obtaining the  
14 endorsement or other authorization; or

15 (2) met requirements substantially similar to those of this chapter for  
16 the use of pharmaceutical agents or performance of other special procedures, as  
17 applicable, under the license granted to the permittee in the jurisdiction for which the  
18 permittee furnished proof of licensure under (c)(1) of this section.

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# HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE CAPITOL, JUNEAU 99801  
(907) 465-3759



HB 168

An Act relating to temporary permits for certain optometrists.

This bill was introduced by the House HESS Committee at the request of the Alaska Optometric Association.

With the passage of this bill, a locum tenens permit may be issued to a nonresident optometrist for the purpose of assisting or substituting for an optometrist licensed under AS 08.72.

Alaska has a lot of solo practitioners in remote and semi-remote areas of the State. If the practitioner becomes injured, seriously ill or must leave temporarily, he presently must close down his clinic. This can bring a hardship to his patients, especially if the time away extends to several months.

Also, outside specialists in subnormal vision, visual therapy, etc, can be scheduled to assist local doctors where specialty care does not now exist.

I urge your favorable consideration of this legislation.

SPONSOR STATEMENT

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**Boards and Commissions**

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**OPTOMETRY**

**BOARD:** Board of Examiners in Optometry

**BOARD IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:** 072

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Commerce and Economic Development

**AUTHORITY:** AS 08.72.010

**STATUS:** Active

**SUNSET DATE:** June 30, 1996

**REQUIREMENTS:** Legislative Confirmation

**PROHIBITIONS:** Cannot serve more than all or part of two consecutive terms.

**TERM:** 4 years

**DESCRIPTION:** 5 members appointed by Governor: 4 licensed practicing optometrists who have been residents at least 3 years; plus 1 public member.

**FUNCTION:** Regulates and controls practice of optometry; issues applications, licenses, and permits.

**CHAIR:** Board selects.

**SPECIAL FACTS:** Serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Members serve until a successor is appointed. An appointment to fill a vacancy is for the remainder of the unexpired term. A member who has served all or part of two successive terms may not be reappointed unless four years have elapsed since the person has last served.

**COMPENSATION:** Standard Travel and Per Diem.

**MEETINGS:** 2 times per year; 2 days total.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Steve Snyder, Division of Occupational Licensing, DCED, P.O. Box 110806 M/S 0800, Juneau, AK, 99811 0806,  
Phone: 907 465 2580

STATE OF ALASKA  
Boards and Commissions

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Membership Roster  
OPTOMETRY (072)

Member	Appointed	Reappointed	Term Exp.
Randall W. Christiansen Optometrist 725 Darrell Drive Fairbanks, AK 99709	03/12/92		06/15/94 75
Lynn J. Coon Optometrist 418 North Main Wasilla, AK 99687	02/06/89	06/15/92	06/15/96
Steve S. Dobson Optometrist 1000 E. Dimond Blvd., Ste. 101 Anchorage, AK 99515	02/06/89	05/08/92	06/15/95
James Matson Optometrist -- Chair 800 Glacier Avenue Juneau, AK 99801	11/30/89	06/17/93	06/15/97
Marilyn S. Porter Public 1834 Stanford Drive Anchorage, AK 99508	12/14/92		06/15/94 73



# Alaska State Legislature

House of Representatives  
 COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION  
 AND SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE: MARCH 16

PLACE: Capitol Room 106

SUBJECT OF MEETING:  
 HB108: Permits for  
 Nonresident  
 Optometrists

NAME	REPRESENTING	BUSINESS/PERSONAL MAILING ADDRESS	ZIP	(H) PHONE	(W) PHONE	DO YOU WANT TO TESTIFY?		WHAT SUBJECT/ WHICH BILL?
						Y	N	
Catherine Reardon	Director OCC Licensing	Dept of Commerce			465-2538	Y	N	If committee desires
						Y	N	
						Y	N	
						Y	N	
						Y	N	
						Y	N	
						Y	N	
						Y	N	
						Y	N	
						Y	N	