

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL NO. 189

BY SENATOR HEITMEIER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

OPTOMETRISTS. Provides relative to the practice of optometry. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1041(A), (B), and the introductory paragraph of (C) and the introductory paragraph of R.S. 37:1048, relative to optometry; to provide for the practice of optometry; to provide relative to the powers of the board; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:1041(A), (B), and the introductory paragraph of (C) and the introductory paragraph of R.S. 37:1048 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 12. OPTOMETRY

§1041. Legislative declaration; statement of purpose; definitions

A. The practice of optometry in ~~the state of~~ Louisiana is declared a professional practice affecting the public health, safety, and welfare and is subject to regulation and control in the public interest. It is further declared to be a matter of public interest and concern that the practice of optometry, as defined in this Chapter, merit and receive the confidence of the public and that only qualified persons be permitted to engage in the practice of optometry in ~~the state of~~ Louisiana.

1 This Chapter shall be liberally construed to carry out these objectives and purposes.

2 B. The purpose of this Chapter is to promote, preserve, and protect the public  
3 health, safety, and welfare by and through education, as well as effective control and  
4 regulation of persons, in or out of the state, that practice optometry within ~~this state~~  
5 **Louisiana.**

6 C. As used in this Chapter, the following terms have the meaning ascribed  
7 to them in this Section, unless ~~the~~ context clearly indicates otherwise:

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9 §1048. Powers of the board

10 The board shall be responsible for ~~the~~ control and regulation of the practice  
11 of optometry and may:

12 \* \* \*

13 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
14 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
15 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
16 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
17 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams

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DIGEST

Present law provides for the legislative declaration, statement of purpose, and definitions for  
optometry.

Proposed law makes technical changes.

Present law provides the powers of the Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners.

Proposed law makes technical changes.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 37:1041(A), (B), (C)(intro para) and 1048(intro para))