

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE BILL NO. 175

BY SENATOR HEITMEIER

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

OPTOMETRY. Provides for the practice of optometry. (8/15/11)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1041(C)(2)(e), 1042(B), 1050(B), and 1055, relative to the practice of optometry; to provide for definitions; to provide for the Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners; to provide for application requirements; to provide for recording of the certificate of practice; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:1041(C)(2)(e), 1042(B), 1050(B), and 1055 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1041. Legislative declaration; statement of purpose; definitions

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

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(2) \* \* \*

(e) Licensed pharmacists of this state shall fill prescriptions for such pharmaceutical agents of licensed optometrists certified by the board to use such pharmaceutical agents. Licensed optometrists certified by the board to use

1 pharmaceutical agents may direct licensed registered nurses, ~~and~~ licensed practical  
 2 nurses **and other healthcare personnel** to execute diagnostic and therapeutic orders  
 3 and administer pharmaceutical agents. Licensed registered nurses, ~~and~~ licensed  
 4 practical nurses **and other healthcare personnel** shall execute diagnostic and  
 5 therapeutic orders and administer pharmaceutical agents prescribed by licensed  
 6 optometrists certified by the board to use pharmaceutical agents.

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8 §1042. Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners; appointment; terms of  
 9 members; protected action and communication

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11 B. Each member of the board shall be appointed by the governor from a list  
 12 of three names submitted to him by the board. For the purpose of preparing the list  
 13 of three names, the board shall conduct an annual meeting ~~on the second Saturday~~  
 14 ~~of June, 1975, and on the second Saturday of June of each succeeding year thereafter~~  
 15 **on a date in June set by the board annually**, at which all optometrists licensed  
 16 under the laws of Louisiana shall have the right to attend, nominate and vote. The  
 17 board shall have the authority to regulate and prescribe the place and hour of the  
 18 meeting, the method of nomination, and the manner of voting. Each optometrist in  
 19 attendance shall have the right to vote for those persons duly nominated and no  
 20 cumulative or proxy voting shall be permitted. Each optometrist voting must vote for  
 21 three nominees in order for his ballot to be valid, and any ballot indicating votes for  
 22 more or less than three nominees shall be null and void. The three persons receiving  
 23 the greatest number of votes of those in attendance at the meeting shall be the three  
 24 persons whose names shall be submitted to the governor for appointment to the  
 25 board. At least thirty days prior to ~~said~~ **the** meeting the board shall mail notices to  
 26 each optometrist licensed under the laws of Louisiana at the address shown in his  
 27 current registration notifying each optometrist of the exact date, place and hour of  
 28 the meeting, the purpose of the meeting and of his right to attend and vote. ~~The~~  
 29 ~~members of the board serving on July 31, 1974, shall continue on the board and~~



in the practice of optometry.

Proposed law removes present law.

Effective August 15, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 37:1041(C)(2)(e), 1042(B), 1050(B), and 1055)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Changes the time of the annual board meeting from the second Saturday of June to a date in June set by the board annually.
2. Deletes obsolete provisions.
3. Legislative Bureau technical amendments.