

SENATE BILL NO. 175

BY SENATOR HEITMEIER

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

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

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

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

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§1050. Application requirements

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B. The application, together with the supporting documents, shall be filed with the secretary-treasurer of the board on or before thirty days prior to the date set for examination **unless, in the opinion of the board, the documents, through no fault of the applicant, are not available at this time.**

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§1055. Recording of certificate

1                   Every person before beginning the practice of optometry in this state shall  
2                   record the certificate issued to him by the board in the parish in which he desires to  
3                   practice. ~~Until his certificate is recorded he shall not engage in the practice of~~  
4                   optometry.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_