

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2105

By: Gray

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to professions and occupations;  
amending 59 O.S. 1991, Section 604, which relates  
to continuing education for optometrists; requiring  
the Board of Examiners in Optometry to meet with  
certain association prior to promulgating certain  
rules; requiring approval from the president of a  
certain college of optometry; providing an  
effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 604, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 604. Every person holding a license to practice  
optometry in this state shall be required to present to the Board of  
Examiners in Optometry, not later than the thirtieth day of June of  
each year, satisfactory evidence that during the preceding twelve  
(12) months ~~said~~ the person attended not less than two (2) days of a  
total of at least twelve (12) hours of educational or postgraduate  
programs approved by ~~said~~ the Board, or that ~~said~~ the person was  
prevented, because of sickness or any other reason acceptable to the  
Board, from attending said educational or postgraduate program. The  
Board shall meet with the Oklahoma Optometric Association during the

promulgation of rules relating to this section. The Association shall act only in an advisory capacity to the Board concerning these rules. Provided, however, prior to filing these rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, the Board shall be required to have from the President of the Northeastern State University College of Optometry written approval of the proposed rules.

The filing of proof of attendance at educational programs or clinics shall be a condition precedent to the issuance of a renewal license. The Board may reinstate the license of ~~said~~ the licensee to practice optometry upon presentation of satisfactory proof of postgraduate study of a standard approved by said examiners and payment of all fees due including a late reinstatement fee not to exceed three times the annual renewal fee.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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