

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 3115

By: Newton of the House

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4 Rosino of the Senate  
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7 An Act relating to optometry; amending 59 O.S. 2011,  
8 Section 584, which relates to qualifications of  
9 applicants to practice optometry; requiring  
10 applicants to submit to national criminal history  
11 check; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 584, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 584. A. Every person desiring to commence the practice  
16 of optometry after the passage of this act except as hereinafter  
17 provided, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence, verified by  
18 oath, that he is more than twenty-one (21) years of age and of good  
19 moral character and has met the undergraduate requirements and is a  
20 graduate of an accredited school of optometry, conferring the degree  
21 of Doctor of Optometry or its equivalent, shall, upon application,  
22 be examined by the Board of Examiners to determine his or her  
23 qualifications, and such examination shall be based upon the  
24 subjects taught in the standard schools and colleges of optometry,

1 such as general and ocular pharmacology, anatomy of the eyes, use of  
2 the ophthalmoscope, retinoscope and the use of trial lenses, general  
3 anatomy, physiology, physics, chemistry, biology, bacteriology,  
4 ocular pathology, ocular neurology, ocular myology, psychology,  
5 physiological optics, optometrical mechanics, clinical optometry,  
6 visual field charting and orthoptics, the general laws of optics and  
7 refraction, as is essential to the practice of optometry. Every  
8 candidate successfully passing such examination shall be registered  
9 by the Board as possessing the qualifications as required by Section  
10 581 et seq. of this title and shall receive from the Board a  
11 certificate thereof. Every optometrist desiring to use dangerous  
12 drugs and controlled dangerous substances as specified in Section ~~4~~  
13 581 of this ~~act~~ title shall have satisfactorily completed courses in  
14 general and ocular pharmacology at an institution accredited by the  
15 Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation or the United States  
16 Department of Education. The Board of Examiners in Optometry shall  
17 approve such courses and shall certify those qualified by such  
18 training to use dangerous drugs and controlled dangerous substances  
19 as specified in Section ~~4~~ 581 of this ~~act~~ title. The use of any  
20 such pharmaceuticals by an optometrist or the obtaining of same by  
21 an optometrist shall be unlawful unless said optometrist is in  
22 possession of a current certificate as provided in this section.  
23 Such optometrist shall furnish evidence to any pharmacist or other  
24 supplier from whom such pharmaceuticals are sought as to his holding

1 a current certificate. The Board may, in its discretion, issue said  
2 certificates to practice, to persons otherwise qualified under this  
3 act, who have established by legal proof their knowledge of  
4 optometry, as shown by previous examination in any state of the  
5 Union; provided, the examination in said state was, at the time  
6 taken, of an equal standard with that of this state; provided,  
7 further, that citizens of this state are by the statutes of said  
8 state, admitted to practice on like conditions.

9 B. Every person desiring to commence the practice of optometry  
10 shall be required to submit to a national criminal history record  
11 check, as defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma  
12 Statutes. The costs associated with the national criminal history  
13 record check shall be paid by such person.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

15 Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of February,  
16 2018.

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19 Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

20 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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