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March 26, 2018

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 3115

By: Newton of the House

and

Rosino of the Senate

An Act relating to optometry; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 584, which relates to qualifications of applicants to practice optometry; requiring applicants to submit to national criminal history check; and providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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