

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3115

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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 1
13 of this act shall have satisfactorily completed courses in general
14 and ocular pharmacology at an institution accredited by the Council
15 on Post-Secondary Accreditation or the United States Department of
16 Education. The Board of Examiners in Optometry shall approve such
17 courses and shall certify those qualified by such training to use
18 dangerous drugs and controlled dangerous substances as specified in
19 Section 1 of this act. The use of any such pharmaceuticals by an
20 optometrist or the obtaining of same by an optometrist shall be
21 unlawful unless said optometrist is in possession of a current
22 certificate as provided in this section. Such optometrist shall
23 furnish evidence to any pharmacist or other supplier from whom such
24 pharmaceuticals are sought as to his holding a current certificate.

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

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