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April 14, 2025

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1819

By: Worthen and Newton of the
House

and

Jech of the Senate

An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 587, which relates to optometry examinations and licenses; amending annual license fee; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 587, is amended to read as follows:

Section 587. The fee for such examinations shall be set by rules promulgated by the Board of Examiners in Optometry, not to be less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), and a yearly license fee set by rules promulgated by the Board of Examiners in Optometry, not to exceed ~~Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)~~ Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), shall be paid each fiscal year by all persons holding a license to practice optometry in this state, and shall be paid not later than the 30th day of June of each year. In the event of default of payment of such license fee by any person, his or her certificate

1 shall be revoked by the Board ~~of Examiners~~ who shall take such
2 action only after notifying the person in default by registered mail
3 and allowing that person fifteen (15) days in which to comply with
4 this requirement. The Board shall be paid travel expenses as
5 provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et
6 seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The secretary-treasurer
7 shall receive compensation fixed by the Board, not to exceed Two
8 Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per month. All fees and charges collected
9 by the secretary-treasurer of the Board shall be paid on the first
10 day of each month into a revolving fund in the State Treasury to be
11 designated as the "Optometry Board Revolving Fund". This fund shall
12 consist of all monies received by the Board ~~of Optometry~~ other than
13 appropriated funds. The revolving fund shall be a continuing fund
14 not subject to fiscal year limitations and shall be under the
15 control and management of the Board ~~of Optometry~~. Expenditures from
16 this fund shall be made pursuant to the purposes of Sections 581
17 through 606 of this title and without legislative approval.
18 Warrants for expenditures shall be drawn by the State Treasurer
19 based on claims signed by an authorized employee or employees of the
20 Board ~~of Optometry~~ and approved for payment by the Director of the
21 Office of Management and Enterprise Services.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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