

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 HOUSE BILL 1819

By: Worthen and Newton

8 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

18 Section 587. The fee for such examinations shall be set by
19 rules promulgated by the Board of Examiners in Optometry, not to be
20 less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and not to exceed Two
21 Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), and a yearly license fee set by rules
22 promulgated by the Board of Examiners in Optometry, not to exceed
23 ~~Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)~~ Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00),
24 shall be paid each fiscal year by all persons holding a license to

1 practice optometry in this state, and shall be paid not later than
2 the 30th day of June of each year. In the event of default of
3 payment of such license fee by any person, his or her certificate
4 shall be revoked by the Board ~~of Examiners~~ who shall take such
5 action only after notifying the person in default by registered mail
6 and allowing that person fifteen (15) days in which to comply with
7 this requirement. The Board shall be paid travel expenses as
8 provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et
9 seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The secretary-treasurer
10 shall receive compensation fixed by the Board, not to exceed Two
11 Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per month. All fees and charges collected
12 by the secretary-treasurer of the Board shall be paid on the first
13 day of each month into a revolving fund in the State Treasury to be
14 designated as the "Optometry Board Revolving Fund". This fund shall
15 consist of all monies received by the Board ~~of Optometry~~ other than
16 appropriated funds. The revolving fund shall be a continuing fund
17 not subject to fiscal year limitations and shall be under the
18 control and management of the Board ~~of Optometry~~. Expenditures from
19 this fund shall be made pursuant to the purposes of Sections 581
20 through 606 of this title and without legislative approval.
21 Warrants for expenditures shall be drawn by the State Treasurer
22 based on claims signed by an authorized employee or employees of the
23 Board ~~of Optometry~~ and approved for payment by the Director of the
24 Office of Management and Enterprise Services.

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

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3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OVERSIGHT, dated 03/05/2025 - DO PASS.

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