

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 HOUSE BILL 1819

By: Newton

6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

17 Warrants for expenditures shall be drawn by the State Treasurer
18 based on claims signed by an authorized employee or employees of the
19 Board ~~of Optometry~~ and approved for payment by the Director of the
20 Office of Management and Enterprise Services.

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