

1 AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Board of Optometric Examiners.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 320.280 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) All optometrists desiring to continue practice shall annually, prior to March 1,
5 secure from the secretary-treasurer of the board a renewal certificate upon the
6 payment of a fee ***which shall be established by administrative regulation***
7 ***promulgated by the board***~~[of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200)].~~ Not later
8 than February 15 of each year, the board shall notify by mail all optometrists of the
9 renewal date and fee. Application for a renewal shall be upon a form prescribed by
10 the board and the optometrist shall furnish the information required by the form.
- 11 (2) As a prerequisite for license renewal, all optometrists now or hereafter licensed in
12 the Commonwealth of Kentucky are and shall be required to take annual courses of
13 study in subjects relating to the practice of optometry to the end that the utilization
14 and application of new techniques, scientific and clinical advances, and the
15 achievement of research will assure expansive and comprehensive care to the
16 public. The length and content of study shall be prescribed by the board but shall
17 not exceed eight (8) hours in any calendar year, with the exception of those
18 optometrists who are authorized to prescribe therapeutic agents who shall be
19 required to have additional credit hours of continuing education in ocular therapy
20 and pharmacology, the amount of required credit hours to be determined by the
21 board, but not to exceed an additional seventeen (17) credit hours, for a total not to
22 exceed twenty-five (25) credit hours per year. Attendance shall be at a course or by
23 a sponsor approved by the board. Attendance at any course or courses of study is to
24 be certified to the board upon a form provided by the board and shall be submitted
25 by each licensed optometrist at the time he makes application to the board for the
26 renewal of his license and payment of his renewal fee. The board may waive the
27 continuing education requirement in cases of illness or undue hardship.

- 1 (3) Failure of any optometrist to secure his renewal certificate within sixty (60) days
- 2 after March 1, shall constitute sufficient cause for the board to revoke his license.