

1 AN ACT relating to licensing.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 320.312 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) When the board has reason to believe, based upon its own information or a  
5 complaint or inquiry directed to the board, that an optometrist is suffering from a  
6 physical or mental condition that might impede his *or her* ability to practice  
7 competently, the board may order the optometrist to undergo a physical or mental  
8 examination by persons designated by the board, at the expense of the optometrist.
- 9 (2) Failure of an optometrist to submit to an examination when directed shall constitute  
10 an admission that the concerned optometrist has developed a physical or mental  
11 disability, or other conditions, that continued practice is dangerous to patients or to  
12 the public and the board may act accordingly pursuant to KRS 320.310.
- 13 (3) The board may limit the optometrist's license privileges pursuant to this section in  
14 addition to the other alternatives set forth in KRS 320.310.
- 15 (4) An optometrist whose license has been suspended, limited, or revoked under this  
16 section shall, at reasonable intervals, be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate that  
17 he *or she* is able to resume the competent practice of optometry with reasonable  
18 skill and safety to patients.