

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 11, As Amended in the Senate

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO OPTOMETRISTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 54-1520 AND 54-1522, IDAHO  
CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING LICENSES.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-1520, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
amended to read as follows:

54-1520. LICENSE -- QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS -- ISSUANCE. (1) Every applicant for a license to practice optometry shall:

(a) Be a person of good moral character;

(b) Be more than twenty-one (21) years of age;

(c) and shall present his certificate certified evidence of graduation or diploma, or a certified true copy of his certificate of graduation or diploma, from an accredited college or university of optometry which that meets with the requirements set out in the rules and regulations of the state board of optometry;

(d) Pass an examination as provided in rules of the board; and

(e) Be certified to use therapeutic pharmaceutical agents as provided in section 54-1501 (3), Idaho Code, and in rules of the board.

(2) An applicant meeting the qualifications required in this chapter shall be issued a license to practice optometry in this state.

SECTION 2. That Section 54-1522, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
amended to read as follows:

54-1522. LICENSES -- ISSUANCE -- RENEWAL AND REINSTATEMENT -- RECORDING AND DISPLAY CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT. (1) ~~If the applicant shall pass a satisfactory examination and shall show that he is a person of good moral character and that he possesses the qualifications required in this chapter to entitle him to be licensed as an optometrist, then, upon request, such applicant shall be entitled to a license authorizing the applicant to practice optometry in the state of Idaho. All licenses to practice optometry shall be issued in the name of the Idaho state board of optometry with the seal thereof attached. License renewal and reinstatement shall be in accordance with section 67-2614, Idaho Code. Every person to whom a license is granted shall display the same, or a copy of the same, certified to by the board in a conspicuous part of his office wherein the practice of optometry is conducted. It shall be unlawful for any person to practice optometry in the state of Idaho before complying with these requirements.~~

(2) Effective January 1, 2021, every holder of a license to practice optometry must be certified to use therapeutic pharmaceutical agents as provided in section 54-1501 (3), Idaho Code, and in rules of the board.

1       (3) Any license under this chapter issued to a licensee who has not met  
2 the qualifications and been certified to use therapeutic pharmaceutical  
3 agents pursuant to section 54-1501(3), Idaho Code, shall expire on December  
4 31, 2020, and shall not be subject to renewal or reinstatement; provided  
5 however, that licensees who received their license prior to 1990 shall be  
6 excused from the provisions of this subsection, and their licenses shall be  
7 accorded grandfather rights.