

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2219

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROSS.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 336.080, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to continuing education requirements for optometrists.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 336.080, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 336.080, to read as follows:

336.080. 1. Every licensed optometrist who continues in active practice or service shall, on or before the renewal date, renew his or her license and pay the required renewal fee and present satisfactory evidence to the board of his or her attendance for a minimum of thirty-two hours of board-approved continuing education, or their equivalent during the preceding two-year continuing education reporting period as established by rule and regulation. **As part of the thirty-two hours of continuing education, a licensed optometrist shall be required to obtain two hours in the area of Missouri jurisprudence, as approved by the board.** The continuing education requirement may be waived by the board upon presentation to it of satisfactory evidence of the illness of the optometrist or for other good cause as defined by rule and regulation. The board shall not reject any such application if approved programs are not available within the state of Missouri. Every license which has not been renewed on or before the renewal date shall expire.

2. Any licensed optometrist who permits his or her license to expire may renew it within five years of expiration upon payment of the required reactivation fee and presentation of satisfactory evidence to the board of his or her attendance for a minimum of forty-eight hours of board-approved continuing education, or their equivalent, during the five years.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.