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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - OPTICIANS

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Lanzi, Lynch, and Ottiano

Date Introduced: March 10, 2011

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-35.2-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-35.2 entitled "Opticians"  
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-35.2-2. Qualification of optician applicants.** -- (a) Every applicant for licensure shall  
4 present satisfactory evidence, in the form of affidavits properly sworn to, that he or she:

5 (1) Is of good moral character; and

6 (2) Has graduated from a two (2) year school of opticianry approved by the New  
7 England Association of Schools and Colleges or an equivalent regional accrediting authority or  
8 other accrediting authority as may be approved by the department with consultation from the  
9 advisory committee; and

10 ~~(3) Has successfully completed one year of postgraduate internship with a licensed~~  
11 ~~optometrist or optician; and~~

12 (3)(4) Has successfully passed the national opticianry competency examination or any  
13 other written examination approved by the department with consultation from the advisory  
14 committee; and

15 (4)(5) Has successfully passed a practical examination approved by the department with  
16 consultation from the advisory committee.

17 (b) Every applicant for licensure who is or has been licensed in an alternate jurisdiction  
18 shall present satisfactory evidence in the form of affidavits properly sworn to that he or she:

19 (1) Is of good moral character; and

1           (2) Has graduated from high school; and

2           (3) Has graduated from a two (2) year school of opticianry approved by the New  
3 England Association of Schools and Colleges or an equivalent regional accrediting authority or  
4 other accrediting authority as may be approved by the department with consultation from the  
5 advisory committee; or has successfully completed a two (2) year opticianry apprenticeship  
6 program; and

7           (4) Has held a valid license to practice opticianry in another state for at least one year  
8 and was in good standing during that time; and

9           (5) Has practiced opticianry in this or any other state for a period of not less than one  
10 year; and

11           (6) Has successfully passed the national opticianry competency examination or any other  
12 written examination approved by the department with consultation from the advisory committee;  
13 and

14           (7) Has successfully passed a practical exam approved by the department with  
15 consultation from the advisory committee.

16           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would eliminate the need for an opticianry applicant to complete one year of
- 2 postgraduate internship with a licensed optometrist or optician.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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