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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services (Book)  
recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 1122 and 1123

insert:

Section 15. Subsection (1) of section 484.007, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

484.007 Licensure of opticians; permitting of optical  
establishments.—

(1) Any person desiring to practice opticianry shall apply  
to the department, upon forms prescribed by it, to take a



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11 licensure examination. The department shall examine each  
12 applicant who the board certifies:

13 (a) Has completed the application form and remitted a  
14 nonrefundable application fee set by the board, in the amount of  
15 \$100 or less, and an examination fee set by the board, in the  
16 amount of \$325 plus the actual per applicant cost to the  
17 department for purchase of portions of the examination from the  
18 American Board of Opticianry or a similar national organization,  
19 or less, and refundable if the board finds the applicant  
20 ineligible to take the examination;

21 (b) Is not less than 18 years of age;

22 (c) Is a graduate of an accredited high school or possesses  
23 a certificate of equivalency of a high school education; and

24 (d)1. Has received an associate degree, or its equivalent,  
25 in opticianry from an educational institution the curriculum of  
26 which is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized and  
27 approved by the United States Department of Education or the  
28 Council on Postsecondary Education or approved by the board;

29 2. Is an individual licensed to practice the profession of  
30 opticianry pursuant to a regulatory licensing law of another  
31 state, territory, or jurisdiction of the United States, who has  
32 actively practiced in such other state, territory, or  
33 jurisdiction for more than 3 years immediately preceding  
34 application, and who meets the examination qualifications as  
35 provided in this subsection; or

36 3. Is an individual who has actively practiced in another  
37 state, territory, or jurisdiction of the United States for more  
38 than 5 years immediately preceding application and who provides  
39 tax or business records, affidavits, or other satisfactory



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40 documentation of such practice and who meets the examination  
41 qualifications as provided in this subsection; ~~or~~

42 ~~4. Has registered as an apprentice with the department and~~  
43 ~~paid a registration fee not to exceed \$60, as set by rule of the~~  
44 ~~board. The apprentice shall complete 6,240 hours of training~~  
45 ~~under the supervision of an optician licensed in this state for~~  
46 ~~at least 1 year or of a physician or optometrist licensed under~~  
47 ~~the laws of this state. These requirements must be met within 5~~  
48 ~~years after the date of registration. However, any time spent in~~  
49 ~~a recognized school may be considered as part of the~~  
50 ~~apprenticeship program provided herein. The board may establish~~  
51 ~~administrative processing fees sufficient to cover the cost of~~  
52 ~~administering apprentice rules as promulgated by the board.~~

53 Section 16. Section 484.011, Florida Statutes, is amended  
54 to read:

55 484.011 License required ~~Supportive personnel.~~—No person  
56 other than a licensed optician may engage in the practice of  
57 opticianry, ~~except that a licensed optician may delegate to~~  
58 ~~nonlicensed supportive personnel those duties, tasks, and~~  
59 ~~functions which fall within the purview of s. 484.002(3). All~~  
60 ~~such delegated acts shall be performed under the direct~~  
61 ~~supervision of a licensed optician, who shall be responsible for~~  
62 ~~all such acts performed by persons under her or his supervision.~~

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64 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

65 And the title is amended as follows:

66 Delete line 58

67 and insert:

68 directors; amending s. 484.007, F.S.; revising



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69 education and training requirements for optician  
70 licensure; amending s. 484.011, F.S.; removing the  
71 ability of licensed opticians to delegate certain  
72 duties, tasks, and functions to nonlicensed supportive  
73 personnel; amending s. 490.003, F.S.; defining the