## SENATE BILL 6549

## State of Washington 57th Legislature 2002 Regular Session

By Senators Honeyford, Deccio and Hale

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1 AN ACT Relating to continuing competency requirements for 2 optometrists; and amending RCW 18.53.050.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **sec. 1.** RCW 18.53.050 and 1996 c 191 s 29 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

б Every licensed optometrist shall renew his or her license by 7 complying with administrative procedures, administrative requirements, and fees determined according to RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280. However, 8 no licensed optometrist who is over age fifty-five and certified to use 9 drugs for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes is required to meet 10 continuing competency requirements if he or she is either: (1) A part-11 time or full-time employee of a nonprofit public or private 12 corporation; or (2) an independent optometrist who contracts for his or 13 14 her services with a state, county, regional, municipal, or federal 15 organization providing publicly subsidized eye care.

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