
SENATE BILL 5283

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By Senators C. Anderson, McCaslin and Wojahn

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1 AN ACT Relating to the optometry board; amending RCW 18.54.030; and
2 declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.54.030 and 1984 c 279 s 54 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The initial composition of the optometry board includes the three
7 members of the examining committee for optometry plus two more
8 optometrists to be appointed by the governor. Effective July 1, 1995,
9 the composition of the optometry board will include three optometrists,
10 one ophthalmologist, and one optician to be appointed by the governor.
11 The appointments of the ophthalmologist and optician shall be made to
12 fill the first two vacancies occurring on the optometry board on or
13 after July 1, 1995. The governor shall select the ophthalmologist
14 member from a list of three qualified ophthalmologists provided by the
15 Washington academy of eye physicians and surgeons. The governor shall
16 select the optician from a list of three qualified opticians provided
17 by the opticians association of Washington.

18 The governor must make all appointments to the optometry board.
19 Only optometrists, ophthalmologists, and opticians who are citizens of

1 the United States, residents of this state, having been licensed to
2 practice and practicing optometry, ophthalmology, or a practicing
3 optician in this state for a period of at least four years immediately
4 preceding the effective date of appointment, and who have no connection
5 with any school or college embracing the teaching of optometry,
6 ophthalmology, or the skills necessary to become an optician, or with
7 any optical supply business may be appointed.

8 The governor may set the terms of office of the initial board at
9 his discretion, to establish the following perpetual succession: The
10 terms of the initial board include one position for one year, two for
11 two years and two for three years; and upon the expiration of the terms
12 of the initial board, all appointments are for three years.

13 In addition to the members specified in this section, the governor
14 shall appoint a consumer member of the board, who shall serve for a
15 term of three years.

16 In the event that a vacancy occurs on the board in the middle of an
17 appointee's term, the governor must appoint a successor for the
18 unexpired portion of the term only.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
21 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
22 effect immediately.

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