

## CHAPTER 419—H.F.No. 2924

*An act relating to licensure board powers; amending the examination procedure for licensing optometrists; amending Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 148.57, subdivision 1.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 148.57, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **EXAMINATION.** A person not authorized to practice optometry in the state and desiring to do so shall apply to the director of the state board of optometry ~~for examination~~ and pay to the board a fee in an amount set by the board. The candidate desiring to apply ~~for examination~~ by to the board shall complete a form furnished by the board ~~and shall file the same with the secretary of the board at least two weeks prior to the date of the examination.~~ and shall file the same with the secretary of the board at least two weeks prior to the date of the examination. With the submission of the application form, the candidate shall prove that the candidate (a) is of good moral character, and (b) is a graduate of an optometry school requiring at least two academic years of preprofessional training for admittance to such school and which has been approved by the board, or is currently enrolled in the final year of study at such a school, and pass all parts of an examination. The examination shall include both a written test portion and a clinical practical demonstration portion and shall thoroughly test the fitness of the candidate to practice in this state. In regard to the written ~~examination~~ and clinical practical examinations, the board (a) may prepare, administer, and grade the examination itself or (b) may recognize and approve in whole or in part a similar an examination prepared, administered and graded by the a national board of examiners in optometry or (c) may administer a recognized and approved examination prepared and graded by or under the direction of the a national board of examiners in optometry. The board shall issue a license to each applicant who satisfactorily passes the ~~examination examinations~~ examinations and fulfills the other requirements stated in this section. The applicant shall pay to the board a fee as set by the board upon issuance of the license. In the event the candidate fails to pass a part of the examination, upon the payment of an additional fee as set by the board, the candidate may ~~retake the examination at the time the board next schedules such examinations~~ reapply to the board of optometry. The fees mentioned in this section are for the use of the board and in no case shall be refunded.

Presented to the governor April 6, 1992

Signed by the governor April 8, 1992, 4:20 p.m.

New language is indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.