

ACT 155

S.B. NO. 2684

A Bill for an Act Relating to Licensing of Dispensing Opticians.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 458-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“[§458-6.5] License to engage in the occupation of dispensing optician; application; issuance. (a) Before engaging in the occupation of dispensing optician, an individual must be licensed as a dispensing optician by the board.

(b) To apply for a license to engage in the occupation of dispensing optician an individual must have completed one of the following:

- (1) The equivalent of a high school education and [three] two years of work experience as an opticianry apprentice as required by the board’s administrative rules;
- (2) Graduation from an opticianry course accredited by the Commission on Opticianry Accreditation; or
- (3) Previous licensure in another jurisdiction which required successful completion of the national examinations specified in subsection (c).

The applicant shall submit to the board an application for a license in a form approved by the board, which shall include the applicant’s experience and signature, and an application fee.

(c) Before being licensed to engage in the occupation of dispensing optician, an individual must pass the National Opticianry Competency Examination, the National Contact Lens Registry Examination, and a practical examination. The board shall issue a license to an individual who passes all three of these examinations. If the applicant fails to pass any one of the examinations, the individual shall not be licensed. Any applicant who has previously passed both the National Opticianry Competency Examination [in another jurisdiction] and the National Contact Lens Registry Examination in another jurisdiction shall not be required to retake these examinations and shall be issued a license upon successful completion of the practical examination.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 8, 1992.)