

Administrative Rule Analysis



OPTOMETRY – GENERAL RULES

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Department: Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Agency: Bureau of Professional Licensing
Enabling Statute: Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, MCLs 333.16145, 333.16148, 333.16174, 333.16287, and 333.17431 et seq.

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BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULES

Rule Set 2018-037 LR would make numerous amendments and additions, and a rescission, to rules pertaining to licensure and relicensure of optometrists. Specific changes that would be accomplished by the rule set include: updating of the rule set's definitions, inclusion of a new rule stipulating that controlled substance licensure applicants shall complete training in opioid and controlled substances awareness, inclusion of a deadline for completion of human trafficking victim identification training, inclusion of new rule requiring demonstrated proficiency of English (as demonstrated via a specific TOEFL score) if an applicant's education or training was completed outside the United States, updating accreditation standards for optometric degree programs, inclusion of a new rule outlining consent and care standards for telehealth services, updating examination requirements for licensure by endorsement, updating language regarding relicensure after a licensure lapse, and updating several rules pertaining to continuing education.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED RULES

2018-037 LR is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs or any other unit of state or local government.

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