

Amendments to the Optometry Law; HB 2525

HB 2525 updates the Kansas optometry law to reflect the current, State Board-required, single licensure level of optometrists in Kansas by eliminating language referring to three different levels of licensure, as well as clarifying the minor surgical procedures that Kansas optometrists are allowed to do.

The bill also clarifies the authority of the Kansas State Board of Examiners in Optometry (the Board) with regard to license revocation.

The bill also creates the Optometry Litigation Fund. This Fund will be used to pay all costs and fees associated with litigation expenses for the Board. The Fund will be capped at \$400,000.

The bill requires all applicants for licensure to submit fingerprints to the Board. The bill also creates the Criminal History and Fingerprinting Fund. This Fund will be used to pay all costs associated with fingerprinting and criminal background checks.