

1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT
TO
2 ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2809

By: Kendrix of the House

and

Bergstrom of the Senate

7 An Act relating to sunset; amending 59 O.S. 2021,
8 Section 582, which relates to the Board of Examiners
in Optometry; and removing Board from Oklahoma Sunset
9 Law.

11 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the title, enacting clause and
entire bill and insert

13 "An Act relating to professions and occupations;
14 amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 582, which relates to
the Board of Examiners in Optometry; extending sunset
15 date; updating statutory language; providing an
effective date; and declaring an emergency.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 582, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 582. There is hereby re-created, to continue until ~~July~~
21 ~~1, 2023~~ July 1, 2026, in accordance with the provisions of the
22 Oklahoma Sunset Law, the Board of Examiners in Optometry. This
23 Board shall consist of five (5) persons, four of whom shall possess
24 sufficient knowledge of theoretical and practical optics to practice

1 optometry, be duly licensed as optometrists, and who shall have been
2 residents of this state actually engaged in the practice of
3 optometry for at least five (5) years. The term of each licensed
4 optometrist member of the Board, one being appointed each year,
5 shall be five (5) years, or until a qualified successor is
6 appointed. The lay member of the Board shall serve a term
7 coterminous with that of the Governor and shall serve at the
8 pleasure of the Governor. The Governor is hereby authorized to
9 appoint a member of the Board of Examiners in Optometry at the
10 expiration of any term or whenever, for any reason, a vacancy may
11 occur on ~~said~~ the Board. Vacancies shall be filled for the
12 unexpired term only.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

14 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
15 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
16 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
17 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.”
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1 Passed the Senate the 18th day of April, 2023.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2023.

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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 582, is
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5 the unexpired term only.

6 Passed the House of Representatives the 21st day of February,
7 2023.

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10 Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

11 Passed the Senate the ___ day of _____, 2023.

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