

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 HOUSE BILL 1819

                                  By: Worthen and Newton

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8                                   AS INTRODUCED

9                   An Act relating to professions and occupations;  
10                   amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 587, which relates to  
11                   optometry examinations and licenses; amending annual  
12                   license fee; and providing an effective date.

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

16                   SECTION 1.           AMENDATORY           59 O.S. 2021, Section 587, is  
17                   amended to read as follows:

18                   Section 587. The fee for such examinations shall be set by  
19                   rules promulgated by the Board of Examiners in Optometry, not to be  
20                   less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and not to exceed Two  
21                   Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), and a yearly license fee set by rules  
22                   promulgated by the Board of Examiners in Optometry, not to exceed  
23                   ~~Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)~~ Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00),  
24                   shall be paid each fiscal year by all persons holding a license to

1 practice optometry in this state, and shall be paid not later than  
2 the 30th day of June of each year. In the event of default of  
3 payment of such license fee by any person, his or her certificate  
4 shall be revoked by the Board ~~of Examiners~~ who shall take such  
5 action only after notifying the person in default by registered mail  
6 and allowing that person fifteen (15) days in which to comply with  
7 this requirement. The Board shall be paid travel expenses as  
8 provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et  
9 seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The secretary-treasurer  
10 shall receive compensation fixed by the Board, not to exceed Two  
11 Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per month. All fees and charges collected  
12 by the secretary-treasurer of the Board shall be paid on the first  
13 day of each month into a revolving fund in the State Treasury to be  
14 designated as the "Optometry Board Revolving Fund". This fund shall  
15 consist of all monies received by the Board ~~of Optometry~~ other than  
16 appropriated funds. The revolving fund shall be a continuing fund  
17 not subject to fiscal year limitations and shall be under the  
18 control and management of the Board ~~of Optometry~~. Expenditures from  
19 this fund shall be made pursuant to the purposes of Sections 581  
20 through 606 of this title and without legislative approval.  
21 Warrants for expenditures shall be drawn by the State Treasurer  
22 based on claims signed by an authorized employee or employees of the  
23 Board ~~of Optometry~~ and approved for payment by the Director of the  
24 Office of Management and Enterprise Services.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
4 OVERSIGHT, dated 03/05/2025 - DO PASS.  
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