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SENATE BILL 186

Extend the Board of Examiners in Optometry

SPONSOR STATEMENT

SB 186 extends the termination date of the Board of Examiners in Optometry. Currently, the board is set to sunset on June 30, 2022. This bill would extend that termination date to June 30, 2028. The six-year extension was recommended by the Division of Legislative Audit in the Sunset Review of the Board.

The Board of Examiners in Optometry consists of 5 members appointed by the Governor: 4 licensed practicing optometrists who have been residents at least 3 years; plus 1 public member. The board issues applications, licenses and permits for the members of this profession and serves an important public service by regulating and controlling the practice of optometry to protect and promote public health, welfare, and safety.

Thank you for your consideration of this important piece of legislation.