



Board of Examiners in Optometry

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BILL NO: SB 202
COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
POSITION: SUPPORT

TITLE: STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY – SUNSET EXTENSION

BILL ANALYSIS: This bill extends the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the State Board of Examiners in Optometry (“the Board”) for 10 years until July 1, 2033.

POSITION AND RATIONALE: The Board supports SB 202.

The Board has no outstanding deficiencies to correct and the passing of this bill will ensure the continuation of the Board’s mandated responsibilities of protecting the citizens of Maryland through its credentialing, examination, licensing, and disciplinary process for optometrists.

Thank you for considering this testimony. The Board of Examiners in optometry is respectfully requesting a favorable report on SB 202. If you require additional information, please contact Patricia G. Bennett, Executive Director of the Maryland Board of Examiners in Optometry at (410) 764-5994 or at patricia.bennett@maryland.gov.

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