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POSITION PAPER**

BILL NO: SB 240
COMMITTEE: FINANCE
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 3 years until July 1, 2028.

POSITION AND RATIONALE: The Board supports SB240.

This Bill was amended by the Department to extend the Board’s termination date from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2028. 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 SB240.

If you require additional information, please contact the Board’s Executive Director, Gwendolyn Joyner, at 410-764-5994, or Gwendolyna.Joyner@maryland.gov.

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