

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.  
Act 431 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas  
2 86th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2007  
4

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 680

5 By: Senator Steele  
6  
7

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
9 APPLICATION TO TAKE THE OPTOMETRIST EXAMINATION;  
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
11

### Subtitle

12 TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
13 APPLICATION TO TAKE THE OPTOMETRIST  
14 EXAMINATION.  
15  
16

17  
18  
19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
20

21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-90-301(b), concerning an application to  
22 take the optometrist examination, is amended to read as follows:

23 (b) Every applicant for examination shall present satisfactory  
24 evidence that he or she is:

25 (1) Over the age of twenty-one (21);

26 (2) A successful candidate having passed all parts of the  
27 National Board of Optometry examination since ~~January 1, 1987~~ January 1,  
28 1997;

29 (3) Of good moral character; and

30 (4) A graduate of a college of optometry that has been  
31 accredited by the Council on Education of the American Optometric  
32 Association.  
33

34 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
35 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the State Board of Optometry



1 conducts examinations for licensing optometrists in February and July of each  
2 year; and that this act is necessary because the board needs to apply the new  
3 criterion set by this bill to determine those applicants qualified to take  
4 next July's examination. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and  
5 this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public  
6 peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

7 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

8 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
9 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
10 bill; or

11 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
12 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

13  
14 APPROVED: 3/22/2007

15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31  
32  
33  
34  
35  
36