

State of Arkansas

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

1955

By: Representative Hawkins

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED 27-16-704, PART  
(b) (6), TO PROVIDE FOR CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTABLE VISION BY  
A LICENSED EYE CARE PROFESSIONAL."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-16-704(b) (6), as amended by Section 2 of Act 193 of 1989, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(6) The test of the applicant's eyesight shall be made on an optical testing instrument approved under standards established by the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration and the Arkansas State Police; or the applicant's eyesight may be certified by an eyecare professional licensed in Arkansas."

SECTION 2. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that a recent revision in the standards for testing the eyesight of motor vehicle and motorcycle operators may be in conflict with the professional practice acts that relate to providing visual examinations, if there is no opportunity for certification of vision correction by a licensed eyecare professional provided, that it is essential in order to provide compatibility with the professional practices acts, that this act be given effect immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act

being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall be in full force from and after July 1, 1989.