

CHAPTER 118

PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY

S. F. 211

AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred twenty-two (122), Code, 1939, relating to the practice of optometry and the dispensing of ophthalmic lenses.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section twenty-five hundred seventy-seven (2577), sub-
2 section one (1) of the code is amended by striking from line three (3)
3 the word "three" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "four".

1 SEC. 2. Chapter one hundred twenty-two (122) of the Code is
2 amended by adding thereto the following:

3 "Beginning with the thirtieth day of June 1942 every license to
4 practice optometry shall expire on the thirtieth day of June of said
5 year and each succeeding year thereafter. Application for renewal of
6 such license shall be made in writing to the Department of Health at
7 least thirty (30) days prior to the annual expiration date, accompanied
8 by the legal renewal fee and the affidavit of the licensee or other proof
9 satisfactory to the Department and to the Iowa State Board of Op-
10 tometry Examiners, that said applicant has attended, since the issuance
11 of the last license to said applicant, an educational program or clinic
12 as conducted by the Iowa Optometric Association, or its equivalent, for
13 a period of at least two days. The attendance requirement at said
14 educational program or clinic shall not be conditioned upon member-
15 ship in said Iowa Optometric Association. Nonmembers shall be ad-
16 mitted to said annual educational program or clinic upon payment of
17 their pro rata share of the cost. In lieu of attendance at the said
18 annual educational program or clinic, it shall be the duty of the Board
19 of Optometry Examiners to recognize and approve attendance at local
20 optometric study group meetings as shall, in the judgment of said
21 board, constitute an equivalent to attendance at the annual educational
22 program of said association."

1 SEC. 3. Chapter one hundred twenty-two (122) of the Code is
2 amended by adding thereto the following:

3 "Notice of expiration of the annual license to practice optometry
4 shall be given by the State Department of Health to all certificate
5 holders by mailing said notice to the last known address of such licensee
6 on or before the 15th day of April of each year, and said notice shall
7 contain a statement of the educational program attendance require-
8 ment and the amount of legal fee required as a condition to the renewal
9 of the license for the coming year. Subject to the provisions of this
10 chapter, said license shall be renewed without examination."

1 SEC. 4. Chapter one hundred twenty-two (122) of the Code is
2 amended by adding thereto the following:

3 "The filing of proof of attendance at an educational program or
4 clinic as provided in this chapter shall be a condition precedent to the
5 issuance of a renewal license, provided, however that the Iowa State

6 Board of Optometry Examiners may reinstate such licensee to practice
 7 optometry upon presentation of satisfactory proof of postgraduate
 8 study of a standard approved by said Examiners, and payment of all
 9 fees due. Licensees residing and practicing in other states are not
 10 required to comply with the postgraduate requirement."

1 SEC. 5. Chapter one hundred twenty-two (122) of the Code is
 2 amended by adding thereto the following:

3 "It shall be unlawful for any person to dispense an ophthalmic lens
 4 or lenses, without first having obtained a written prescription or order
 5 therefor from a duly licensed practitioner referred to in this chapter,
 6 or other practitioner authorized to write said prescriptions or orders.
 7 Each such practitioner shall furnish his patient without charge a copy
 8 of his patient's prescription."

1 SEC. 6. If any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this act is for
 2 any reason held to be unconstitutional and/or invalid, such decision
 3 shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this act. The
 4 legislature hereby declares that it would have passed this act and each
 5 section, clause, sentence, or phrase hereof, irrespective of whether
 6 any one or more of the sections, clauses, sentences, or phrases be de-
 7 clared unconstitutional.

1 SEC. 7. For the purpose of this act, an ophthalmic lense shall mean
 2 one which has been ground to fill the requirements of a particular
 3 prescription.

Approved April 14, 1941.

CHAPTER 119

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

H. F. 207

AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred twenty-five and one tenth (125.1), Code, 1939, and chapter ninety-two (92), Acts of the Forty-eighth General Assembly, relating to soil conservation districts; the powers, duties, and compensation of the state soil conservation committee; the election and terms of office of district commissioners, their powers, duties, and compensation; the discontinuance of soil conservation districts; and the biennial report to the governor; and to amend chapter seven and one tenth (7.1), Code, 1939, relating to submission of biennial estimate of expenditures to the state comptroller by the state conservation committee.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred twenty-five and one tenth (125.1),
 2 code, 1939, is hereby amended by striking therefrom the words "super-
 3 visor" and "supervisors" wherever they may appear therein and by
 4 inserting in lieu thereof the word "commissioner" or "commissioners",
 5 as the case may be, and the code editor is hereby authorized to make
 6 said changes.

1 SEC. 2. Section two thousand six hundred three and four hundredths
 2 (2603.04), code, 1939, is hereby amended by striking from line two