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**A B I L L**

To amend section 4725.18 of the Revised Code to 1  
permit the State Board of Optometry to license 2  
optometrists licensed by another state or a 3  
Canadian province regardless of whether the other 4  
state or province similarly licenses holders of 5  
Ohio licenses. 6

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 4725.18 of the Revised Code be 7  
amended to read as follows: 8

**Sec. 4725.18.** (A) The state board of optometry may issue a 9  
certificate of licensure and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents 10  
certificate by endorsement to an individual licensed as an 11  
optometrist by another state or a Canadian province if the board 12  
determines that the other state or province has standards for the 13  
practice of optometry that are at least as stringent as the 14  
standards established under sections 4725.01 to 4725.34 of the 15  
Revised Code and the ~~other state similarly grants licenses to~~ 16  
~~practice optometry to individuals who hold certificates of~~ 17  
~~licensure issued by the board~~ individual meets the conditions 18

specified in division (B) of this section. The certificates may be 19  
issued only by an affirmative vote of a majority of the board's 20  
members. 21

(B) ~~To receive~~ An individual seeking a certificate of 22  
licensure and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents certificate ~~under~~ 23  
pursuant to this section shall submit an application to the board. 24  
~~To receive the certificates,~~ an applicant must meet all of the 25  
following conditions: 26

(1) ~~Hold a license to practice optometry from the other state~~ 27  
~~that is~~ Meet the same qualifications that an individual must meet 28  
under divisions (B)(1) to (4) of section 4725.12 of the Revised 29  
Code to receive a certificate of licensure and therapeutic 30  
pharmaceutical agents certificate under that section; 31

(2) Be licensed to practice optometry by a state or province 32  
that requires passage of a written, entry-level examination at the 33  
time of initial licensure; 34

(3) Be licensed in good standing by the optometry licensing 35  
agency of the other state or province, evidenced by submission of 36  
a letter from the licensing agency of the other state or province 37  
attesting to the applicant's good standing; 38

~~(2)~~(4) Provide the board with certified reports from the 39  
optometry licensing agencies of all states and provinces in which 40  
the applicant is licensed or has been licensed to practice 41  
optometry describing all past and pending actions taken by those 42  
agencies with respect to the applicant's authority to practice 43  
optometry in those jurisdictions, including such actions as 44  
investigations, entering into consent agreements, suspensions, 45  
revocations, and refusals to issue or renew a license; 46

(5) Have been actively engaged in the practice of optometry, 47  
including the use of therapeutic pharmaceutical agents, for at 48  
least three years immediately preceding making application under 49

this section;	50
<del>(3)(6)</del> Pay the <u>nonrefundable</u> application fees established	51
under section 4725.34 of the Revised Code for a certificate of	52
licensure and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents certificate;	53
<del>(4)(7)</del> Submit all transcripts, reports, or other information	54
the board requires;	55
<del>(5)(8)</del> <u>Participate in a two-hour instruction session provided</u>	56
<u>by the board on the optometry statutes and rules of this state or</u>	57
<u>pass an Ohio optometry jurisprudence test administered by the</u>	58
<u>board;</u>	59
<u>(9)</u> Pass all or part of the licensing examination accepted by	60
the board under section 4725.11 of the Revised Code, if the board	61
determines that testing is necessary to determine whether the	62
applicant's qualifications are sufficient for issuance of a	63
certificate of licensure and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents	64
certificate under this section-	65
<del>(C) If the applicant meets the conditions specified in</del>	66
<del>division (B) of this section and the board has not;</del>	67
<u>(10)</u> <u>Not have been</u> previously denied issuance of a <u>license to</u>	68
<u>the applicant, certificate by</u> the board <u>may, by an affirmative</u>	69
<u>vote of a majority of its members, issue to the applicant a</u>	70
<u>certificate of licensure and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents</u>	71
<u>certificate.</u>	72
<b>Section 2.</b> That existing section 4725.18 of the Revised Code	73
is hereby repealed.	74