

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Consistent with the Governor's Licensing Freedom Act, this proposed legislation aims to implement a 2018 recommendation to organize the "Optometric Physician Licensing Act" in a manner consistent with the way legislation for regulated professions and occupations is written today. The proposal will also include the addition of an inactive license status; clarify that the Act does not apply to the sale of reading glasses and magnifiers; and add exemptions from licensure for federal employees who are practicing in the scope of their employment and for optometrists licensed in another state who are consulting with an Idaho optometrist or teaching a course. This legislation will also include an expanded scope of practice to allow optometrists to perform certain laser surgical procedures once those optometrists have met certain examination and experience requirements.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no impact to the General Fund, because the board operates solely on dedicated funds. There is no impact to the Bureau of Occupational Licenses dedicated fund since the proposed legislation will not alter the number of board meetings held each year, require more services be provided to the board, or change any fee schedules.

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