Draft Pre-Notice Rule Changes

Prior to starting formal rulemaking action, the Iowa Board of Optometry is seeking input from the public on draft changes to the Optometry rules to increase the biennial license renewal fee and reactivation fee based on the costs of sustaining the board and the actual costs of the service. The current biennial license renewal fee and reactivation fee have been in place since 2008. The Iowa Board of Optometry is requesting comments be submitted by September 14, 2018.

Comments may be submitted via mail, email, or fax to:

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PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION [645]

Notice of Intended Action

The Board of Optometry hereby proposes to amend Chapter 5, “Fees”, Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 147.76 and 147.80.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapters 147, 154, and 272C.

Purpose and Summary

These proposed amendments raise the biennial license renewal fee and reactivation fee for an Iowa licensed optometrist. An analysis of the board’s budget indicates annual expenses are projected to exceed annual revenues. An adjustment in the fee schedule is required to bring in sufficient revenue to cover projected annual expenditures.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

A waiver provision is not included in this rule making because all administrative rules of the professional licensure boards in the Division of Professional Licensure are subject to the waiver provisions accorded under 645—Chapter 18.
Public Comment

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendments no later than XXXXXXXXX XX, 2018, addressed to Sharon Dozier, Professional Licensure Bureau, Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075; E-mail sharon.dozier@idph.iowa.gov.

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held XXXXXXXXX XX, 2018, from 9 to 9:30 a.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Conference Room 526, Lucas State Office Building, at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendments.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Board and advise of specific needs.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following amendments are proposed.

**Item 1.** Amend subrule 5.12(2) as follows:

5.12(2) Biennial license renewal fee for each biennium is $144 $175.
Item 2. Amend subrule 5.12(4) as follows:

5.12(4) Reactivation fee is $204-$235.