

1 AN ACT relating to licensing.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 320.312 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) When the board has reason to believe, based upon its own information or a
5 complaint or inquiry directed to the board, that an optometrist is suffering from a
6 physical or mental condition that might impede his or her ability to practice
7 competently, the board may order the optometrist to undergo a physical or mental
8 examination by persons designated by the board, at the expense of the optometrist.
- 9 (2) Failure of an optometrist to submit to an examination when directed shall constitute
10 an admission that the concerned optometrist has developed a physical or mental
11 disability, or other conditions, that continued practice is dangerous to patients or to
12 the public and the board may act accordingly pursuant to KRS 320.310.
- 13 (3) The board may limit the optometrist's license privileges pursuant to this section in
14 addition to the other alternatives set forth in KRS 320.310.
- 15 (4) An optometrist whose license has been suspended, limited, or revoked under this
16 section shall, at reasonable intervals, be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate that
17 he or she is able to resume the competent practice of optometry with reasonable
18 skill and safety to patients.