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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 175
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike “or” and substitute “and certain applicants for”; in line 8, after “11-306,” insert “and”; and in the same line, strike “, and 11-308”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 28, before “The” insert “(A)”.

On page 4, after line 3, insert:

“(B) ON RECEIPT OF THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION OF AN APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE, IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO GRANT A LICENSE, THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER:

- (1) THE AGE AT WHICH THE CRIME WAS COMMITTED;**
- (2) THE NATURE OF THE CRIME;**
- (3) THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE CRIME;**
- (4) THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT HAS PASSED SINCE THE CRIME;**
- (5) SUBSEQUENT WORK HISTORY;**
- (6) EMPLOYMENT AND CHARACTER REFERENCES; AND**

(7) OTHER EVIDENCE THAT DEMONSTRATES WHETHER THE APPLICANT POSES A THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 5 and 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 9 on page 5 through line 7 on page 6, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) This section applies only:

(1) with respect to the first application for the renewal of a license that is submitted on or after January 1, 2026; and

(2) to a licensed optometrist whose initial license was issued before the effective date of this Act.

(b) In addition to the requirements of § 11–308 of the Health Occupations Article, a licensed optometrist who applies for the renewal of the license shall submit to the State Board of Examiners in Optometry:

(1) satisfactory evidence of having completed a criminal history records check in accordance with § 11–302.1 of the Health Occupations Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act; and

(2) an attestation that the licensee has submitted to a State and national criminal history records check.”.

On page 6, in line 8, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.