

By: Representative Holland

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 1082

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-19-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT RENEWAL REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE PRACTICE OF
3 OPTOMETRY SHALL BE PAYABLE ANNUALLY INSTEAD OF BIENNIALY; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-19-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 73-19-21. The board shall charge the following fees for
9 examination, registrations and renewals of certificates: The sum
10 of not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for an examination
11 of an applicant who is a resident of Mississippi and not more than
12 Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for a nonresident of Mississippi
13 to cover the additional expenses of checking references, character
14 and other statements contained in the application. Every
15 registered optometrist who desires to continue the practice of
16 optometry shall, annually, on or before January 1, pay to the
17 secretary of the board a renewal registration fee of not more than
18 Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) for which he shall receive a
19 renewal of his certificate. The board, in its discretion, may set
20 the renewal registration fee at different amounts for registered
21 optometrists, for registered optometrists certified to use
22 diagnostic pharmaceutical agents, and for registered optometrists
23 certified to use diagnostic and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents,
24 not to exceed the maximum amount prescribed in this section.

25 In case of neglect to pay the renewal registration fee * * *
26 specified in this section, the board may revoke the certificate
27 and the holder thereof may be reinstated by complying with the
28 conditions specified in this chapter. But no certificate or

29 permit shall be revoked without giving sixty (60) days' notice to
30 the delinquent, who, within that period shall have the right of
31 renewal of the certificate on payment of the renewal fee with a
32 penalty of not more than Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00). Retirement
33 from practice for a period not exceeding five (5) years shall not
34 deprive the holder of the certificate of the right to renew his
35 certificate on the payment of all lapsed fees.

36 The board shall adopt a seal and certificate of suitable
37 design and shall conduct its examination at Jackson, in this
38 state. Its permanent records shall be kept in the office of the
39 secretary, which records shall be open to public inspection.

40 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
41 and after July 1, 2007.