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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Policy (Rodriguez) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 12 - 22

and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section 484.007, Florida Statutes, as amended by section 30 of chapter 2024-243, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

484.007 Licensure of opticians; permitting of optical establishments.—

(1) Any person desiring to practice opticianry shall apply



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to the department, upon forms prescribed by it, to take a licensure examination. The department shall examine each applicant who the board certifies meets all of the following criteria:

(e)1. Has received an associate degree, or its equivalent, in opticianry from an educational institution the curriculum of which is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized and approved by the United States Department of Education or the Council on Postsecondary Education or approved by the board; or

2. Has registered as an apprentice with the department and paid a registration fee not to exceed \$60, as set by rule of the board. The apprentice shall complete 6,240 hours of training under the supervision of an optician licensed in this state for at least 1 year ~~or of a physician or optometrist licensed under the laws of this state~~. These requirements must be met within 5 years after the date of registration. However, any time spent in a recognized school may be considered as part of the apprenticeship program provided herein. The board may establish administrative processing fees sufficient to cover the cost of administering apprentice rules as promulgated by the board.

===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 2 - 4

and insert:

An act relating to opticianry; amending s. 484.007, F.S.; revising the supervision requirements for the training of registered apprentices seeking licensure to practice opticianry;