

AGENDA ITEM IV. A. Early Review of Administrative Regulations. (NRS 233B.0681).

**REVISED PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**

LCB File No. R049-25

September 30, 2025

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 636.125, 636.143, 636.150, 636.206, 636.207 and 636.260.

A REGULATION relating to optometry; revising provisions governing fees charged and collected by the Nevada State Board of Optometry; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Nevada State Board of Optometry, at least biennially, to review and, if deemed necessary by the Board, establish or revise, within the limits prescribed in existing law, a schedule of fees for services provided by the Board. In part, existing law authorizes a maximum fee for: (1) the initial issuance of a license of \$1,200 to an applicant who is not a veteran and \$600 to an applicant who is a veteran; and (2) the renewal of a license by any applicant of \$1,200. (NRS 636.143) After initial issuance, a license to practice optometry may be renewed for the 24-month period beginning on March 1 of each even-numbered year. (NRS 636.265)

For an initial application for a license, existing regulations prescribe a nonrefundable fee of \$75 plus an additional fee of \$93.75 for each calendar quarter or portion thereof remaining in the biennial licensing period until the renewal date, which equates to a total maximum potential fee of \$825. (Section 7 of LCB File No. R066-19; Section 18 of LCB File No. R101-24) This regulation establishes for an initial application for a license by an applicant who is a veteran a nonrefundable fee of \$75 and an additional fee of \$62.50 for each calendar quarter or portion thereof remaining in the biennial licensing period until the renewal date, which equates to a total maximum potential fee of \$575. This regulation provides for the refund of the additional fee if the Board does not issue a license to the applicant.

For an initial application for a license by endorsement, existing regulations prescribe a nonrefundable fee of \$450. (Section 7 of LCB File No. R066-19; Section 18 of LCB File No. R101-24) This regulation instead establishes for an initial application for a license by endorsement by an applicant, including, without limitation, an applicant who is a veteran, a nonrefundable fee of \$75 and an additional fee of \$465, which equates to a total maximum fee of \$540. This regulation provides for the refund of the additional fee if the Board does not issue a license to the applicant.

This regulation also provides for the refund of the additional application fee in existing regulations for a certificate to own or operate a mobile optometry clinic if the Board does not

issue a certificate to the applicant. (Section 7 of LCB File No. R066-19; Section 18 of LCB File No. R101-24)

Additionally, existing law authorizes a regulatory body to require a cardholder or the person requesting an electronic transfer of money to pay a convenience fee for the convenience of using a credit card or debit card or an electronic transfer of money to make a payment to the regulatory body. (NRS 622.233) This regulation provides that in certain circumstances under which the Board is required to issue a refund, the refund will not include the amount of such a convenience fee.

This regulation further increases the following fees in existing regulations: (1) the fee for biennial renewal of an active license with one practice location from \$750 to \$900; (2) the fee for biennial renewal of an inactive license from \$500 to \$550; and (3) the fee for activation of an inactive license from \$250 to \$350. (Section 7 of LCB File No. R066-19; Section 18 of LCB File No. R101-24)

Section 1. Section 18 of LCB File No. R101-24 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 18. Section 7 of LCB File No. R066-19 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 7. The Board will charge and collect:

1. For an initial application for a license ~~to~~ *by an applicant who is not a veteran:*

(a) A nonrefundable fee in the amount of \$75 ~~plus~~; and

(b) A fee in the amount of \$93.75 for each calendar quarter or portion thereof remaining in the biennial licensing period until the renewal date prescribed by NRS 636.265. ~~to not to exceed a total of \$825.~~ The Board will refund the fee paid by an applicant pursuant to this paragraph if the Board does not issue a license to the applicant. Such a refund must not include a convenience fee charged pursuant to NRS 622.233.

2. *For an initial application for a license by an applicant who is a veteran:*

(a) A nonrefundable fee in the amount of \$75; and

(b) A fee in the amount of \$62.50 for each calendar quarter or portion thereof remaining in the biennial licensing period until the renewal date prescribed by NRS 636.265. The Board will refund the fee paid by an applicant pursuant to this paragraph if the Board does not issue

a license to the applicant. Such a refund must not include a convenience fee charged pursuant to NRS 622.233.

3. For an initial application for a license by endorsement by an applicant, including, without limitation, an applicant who is a veteran:

(a) A nonrefundable fee in the amount of \$75; and

(b) A fee in the amount of \$465. The Board will refund the fee paid by an applicant pursuant to this paragraph if the Board does not issue a license to the applicant. Such a refund must not include a convenience fee charged pursuant to NRS 622.233.

4. For a certificate to own or operate a mobile optometry clinic ~~to~~:

(a) A nonrefundable fee in the amount of \$75 ~~plus~~; and

(b) A fee in the amount of \$93.75 for each calendar quarter or portion thereof remaining in the biennial licensing period until the renewal date prescribed by NRS 636.2899. ~~to not to exceed a total of \$825.~~

~~3.~~ *The Board will refund the fee paid by an applicant pursuant to this paragraph if the Board does not issue a certificate to own or operate a mobile optometry clinic to the applicant. Such a refund must not include a convenience fee charged pursuant to NRS 622.233.*

5. The following nonrefundable fees:

~~(a) Initial application for a license by endorsement \$450~~

~~(b)~~ Initial application for a certificate to administer and prescribe pharmaceutical agents \$75

~~(e)~~ *(b)* Initial application for or biennial renewal of a certificate as a substitute optometrist \$200

~~(d)~~ *(c)* Initial application for a certificate to treat a person diagnosed with glaucoma, including, without limitation, a certificate by endorsement \$175

- ~~[(e)]~~ **(d)** Biennial renewal of active license with one practice location ~~[\$750]~~ **\$900**
- ~~[(f)]~~ **(e)** Biennial renewal of inactive license ~~[\$500]~~ **\$550**
- ~~[(g)]~~ **(f)** Biennial renewal of a certificate to own or operate a mobile optometry clinic \$600
- ~~[(h)]~~ **(g)** Late fee for restoration of license suspended pursuant to NRS 636.275 \$500
- ~~[(i)]~~ **(h)** Activation of inactive license ~~[\$250]~~ **\$350**
- ~~[(j)]~~ **(i)** Addition of a practice location associated with a license \$200
- ~~[(k)]~~ **(j)** Biennial renewal fee, in addition to the fee prescribed in paragraph ~~[(e)]~~ **(d)**, for each practice location in addition to the licensee's primary practice location \$200
- ~~[(l)]~~ **(k)** Registration of assumed or fictitious name \$50
per practice location
- ~~[(m)]~~ **(l)** Change of practice location or change of address \$25
- ~~[(n)]~~ **(m)** Letter of good standing \$25
- ~~[(o)]~~ **(n)** Replacement license or certificate \$75
- ~~[(p)]~~ **(o)** Replacement renewal card issued pursuant to NRS 636.265 \$25
- ~~[(q)]~~ **(p)** Legal name change if requested at a time other than at license renewal \$100
- 6. As used in this section, "convenience fee" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 622.233.**