

This message is pursuant to Senate Bill 2 of the 129<sup>th</sup> General Assembly which requires state agencies, including the Ohio Optical Dispensers Board (Board), to draft rules in collaborations with stakeholders, assess and justify any adverse impact on the business community (as defined in section 107.52 of the Ohio Revised Code.)

Please forward to members of your organizations or individuals who may wish to comment on the proposed rules.

As a result of the enactment of House Bill 98, the Board is proposing the adoption of new rule 4726-5-06.

#### **4725-5-06-Military Provisions to Licensure**

This rule contains six main provision which implement requirements of H.B.98 as well as Executive Order 2013-05K. These provisions include:

1. Defining “armed forces,” a “member of the armed forces,” and, a “veteran.”
2. Outlining the military programs of training, military primary specialties, and lengths of service that are substantially equivalent to or exceed the educational and experience requirements for licensure.
3. Clarifying that a licensee whose license expired due to service in the armed forces can renew without penalty in accordance with section 5903.10 of the Ohio Revised Code.
4. Clarifying that a licensee who is serving on active duty for more than 31 days is eligible for an extension of the continuing education reporting period in accordance with section 5903.12 of the Ohio Revised Code.
5. Establishing a process to consider relevant education, training, or service by the licensee as a member of the armed forces when determining if the continuing education reporting period in accordance with section 5903.12 of the Ohio Revised Code.
6. Waiving the fee for reinstatement of an expired license for a current member of the armed forces.

The full text of these rules and the required Business Impact Analysis is attached to this email. The full text of the rules as well as the related BIA are posted on the Board’s web page at [optical.ohio.gov](http://optical.ohio.gov).

If you have any comments on any of the above proposed rules, please reply to the email AND copy the Common Sense Initiative Office at:  
[CSIPUBLICCOMMENTS@governor.ohio.gov](mailto:CSIPUBLICCOMMENTS@governor.ohio.gov)

**The deadline to submit comments on these rules is Friday, May 9, 2014.**

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