

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Referred to the Committee on Public Health, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Stanley of Bangor.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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### AN ACT Relating to the Practice of Optometry.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 76, § 10, sub-§ VIII, additional.** Section 10 of chapter 76 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new subsection to be numbered VIII, to read as follows:

**‘VIII. Willfully violating any of the rules and regulations of the Board.’**

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 76, § 12, amended.** Section 12 of chapter 76 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 12. Corporate practice of optometry; violation of rules of the Board.** No person who shall receive a certificate of registration or license to practice optometry in this State shall assign, lease, sublet, give or grant unto any person, copartnership, firm or corporation the right or privilege to practice optometry, directly or indirectly, under said registration and no registered optometrist, under this chapter, shall associate himself in any way with any person not a registered optometrist nor any copartnership, firm or corporation for the promotion of any commercial practice for profit or division of profit, which enables any such person, copartnership, firm or corporation to engage, either directly or indirectly, in the practice of optometry in this State; and any optometrist, registered under the provisions of this chapter, guilty of such conduct or of violation of the provisions of this section ~~or of willfully violating any of the rules and regulations of the board promulgated as provided in this chapter,~~ shall be punished by having his certificate and registration to practice optometry in this State suspended or revoked; provided that no certificate of registration shall be suspended or revoked for any of the foregoing causes unless the person accused has been given

at least 10 days' notice in writing of the charges against him and afforded a public hearing before the Board.'

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 76, § 5, amended.** Section 5 of chapter 76 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 5. License fee.** Every registered optometrist shall annually, before the 1st day of April, pay to the Board the sum of \$5 **for each office location** as a license renewal fee for such year; and in case of default in such payment by any person his certificate may be revoked by the Board.'