



Common Sense Initiative

Mike DeWine, *Governor*
Jon Husted, *Lt. Governor*

Joseph Baker, *Director*

MEMORANDUM

TO: Anne Gonzales, Ohio Vision Professionals Board

FROM: Jacob Ritzenthaler, Business Advocate

DATE: August 31, 2023

RE: **CSI Review – Optician and Ocularist Scope of Practice Changes and Fees (OAC 4725-3-10, 4725-3-14 through 4725-3-22, 4725-3-24, 4725-5-02, and 4725-9-01)**

On behalf of Lt. Governor Jon Husted, and pursuant to the authority granted to the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Office under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) section 107.54, the CSI Office has reviewed the abovementioned administrative rule package and associated Business Impact Analysis (BIA). This memo represents the CSI Office's comments to the Agency as provided for in ORC 107.54.

Analysis

This rule package consists of thirteen rescinded rules proposed by the Ohio Vision Professionals Board (Board). This rule package was submitted to the CSI Office on June 1, 2023, and the public comment period was held open through June 12, 2023. Unless otherwise noted below, this recommendation reflects the version of the proposed rules filed with the CSI Office on June 1, 2023.

The rules in this package set forth requirements related to applications and fees for optometrists, opticians, and ocularists. The Board is proposing these rules for rescission, stating that House Bill 509 (134th General Assembly) consolidates requirements for occupational licensure such that the rules are unnecessary.

The business community impacted by the rules includes optometrists, opticians, and ocularists. The Board states that the rescission of these rules does not present an adverse impact to businesses, as the respective requirements are now located in a condensed format in OAC 4725-3-13. No comments were received during the CSI public comment period.

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Recommendations

Based on the information above, the CSI Office has no recommendations on this rule package.

Conclusion

The CSI Office concludes that the Board should proceed in filing the proposed rules with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.