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DIGEST

Heitmeier (SB 175)

Present law provides that licensed optometrists certified by the board to use pharmaceutical agents may direct licensed registered nurses and licensed practical nurses to execute diagnostic and therapeutic orders and administer pharmaceutical agents.

Proposed law retains present law and expands the type of healthcare personnel which may execute diagnostic and therapeutic orders and administer pharmaceutical agents.

Present law provides that the board shall conduct an annual meeting on the second Saturday of June each year.

Proposed law allows the board to determine a date in June on which to conduct the annual meeting.

Present law provides that the application, together with the supporting documents, shall be filed with the secretary-treasurer of the board on or before thirty days prior to the date set for examination.

Proposed law retains present law and adds an exception to the requirement of the application and supporting documents having to be filed with the secretary if through no fault of the applicant, in the opinion of the board, the documents are not available at this time.

Present law provides until a certificate of practice is recorded an optometrist shall not engage in the practice of optometry.

Proposed law removes present law.

Effective August 15, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 37:1041(C)(2)(e), 1042(B), 1050(B), and 1055)