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**Mail Ballot Notice**  
**Ballot To Be Emailed July 24, 2015**  
**12:15 p.m.**  
**Missouri State Board of Optometry**

**Division of Professional Registration**  
**Main Conference Room**  
**3605 Missouri Boulevard**  
**Jefferson City, Missouri**

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This is an open mail ballot

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Enclosure

Posted: 7/23/2015  
12:15 p.m.

OPEN MAIL BALLOT  
July 24, 2015  
MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY  
3605 MISSOURI BOULEVARD  
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI 65109

**1. Proposed Legislative Change to Section 336.020, RSMo.**

The Board has reviewed a proposed change to Section 336.020 that would create an exemption that would allow students in an approved school of optometry to perform duties under the supervision of instructors as part of their education that would be considered the practice of optometry and would otherwise require a license. If the Board approves the proposed language, it will be submitted to the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration for approval to be included in the 2016 legislative proposals.

Please indicate your approval/disapproval below. Thank You.

Approve.

Not approve.

Recuse.

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Board Member Signature

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Date

**Unlawful to practice optometry without license.**

336.020. It shall be unlawful for any person to practice, to attempt to practice, or to offer to practice optometry, or to be employed by any person, corporation, partnership, association, or other entity that practice or attempts to practice without a license as an optometrist issued by the board. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a person licensed or registered under chapter 334 whose license is in good standing from acting within the scope of his or her practice or a person licensed as an optometrist in any state to serve as an expert witness in a civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding **or students enrolled in a board approved school of optometry from practicing under the supervision of instructors.**

## Open Minutes

### Missouri State Board of Optometry

Division of Professional Registration  
3605 Missouri Boulevard  
Jefferson City, Missouri

### Mail Ballot E-mailed on July 24, 2015

The Missouri State Board of Optometry posted a notice to the public at 12:15 p.m. on July 23, 2015, in accordance with Missouri law, concerning an open session mail ballot that was e-mailed on July 24, 2015.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS VOTING:**

Dr. Kurt W. Finklang, President  
Dr. Donald J. Vanderfeltz, Vice President  
Dr. Carrie Hruza, Secretary  
Dr. James E. Bureman, Board Member  
Dr. Kyle E. Brost, Board Member

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The Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the proposed language, it will be submitted to the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration for approval to be included in the 2016 legislative proposals. Those voting yes: Dr. Finklang, Dr. Vanderfeltz, Dr. Hruza, Dr. Brost and Dr. Bureman.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Becker, Processing Technician Supervisor



Brian Barnett, Executive Director

Approved by the Board on: 10/15/2015