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New Hampshire Board of Optometry

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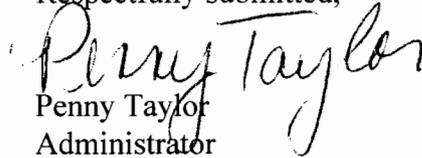
Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

Please accept the attached biennial report for FY12 and FY13 of the Board of Optometry submitted pursuant to RSA 327:4.

Respectfully submitted,


Penny Taylor
Administrator

enclosure

**New Hampshire
Board of Optometry**

Biennial Report

**For Fiscal Years
2012 and 2013**

December 6, 2013

Pursuant to RSA 327:4

Personnel Data
Organizational Chart

Honorable Margaret Wood Hassan
And the
Executive Council

Raymond S. Burton
Colin Van Ostern
Christopher T. Sununu
Christopher C. Pappas
Debora B. Pignatelli

Department of Health
and Human Services

<u>New Hampshire Board of Optometry</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
John F. Minter, O.D., President	10/6/04	7/1/14
Denis Allard, O.D.	12/7/05	7/1/15
Guy R. Lessard, O.D.	12/19/12	7/1/17
Andrea L. Murphy, O.D.	10/16/13	7/1/18
William L. Egge, Public Member	3/28/12	1/20/17
Joyce E. Egge, Public Member (Past Member)	2/6/02	1/20/12
Keith A. Emery, O.D. (Past Member)	9/4/02	7/1/12
David M. Hartenstein, O.D. (Past Member)	9/3/03	7/1/13

Administrative Staff:

1 Part-time License Clerk

Board of Optometry

Biennial Report

Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013

July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2013

RSA 327:4

ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION

The Board of Optometry, established in 1911, is responsible for administering the Optometry Practice Act, RSA 327. The Board licenses optometrists. The Board protects the New Hampshire public by carefully reviewing license applications, investigating all consumer complaints, and undertaking disciplinary actions against licensee violations of the Optometry Practice Act.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>
Total Revenue	\$38,965	\$40,430
Total Expenditures	\$40,247	\$20,472
Required to Meet 125%	\$50,309	\$25,590
Excess of Revenue Over 125%	(\$11,344)	\$14,840

OPERATIONS

The Board of Optometry licensed 14 new optometrists in fiscal year 2012 and 13 new optometrists in fiscal year 2013. There were approximately 258 optometrists renewed in fiscal year 2012 and 267 renewed in fiscal year 2013. Sixteen optometrists lapsed their licenses in fiscal year 2012 and eight optometrist's license lapsed in fiscal year 2013.

The Board receives complaints against optometrists from consumers and also receives malpractice suits filed in New Hampshire. In fiscal year 2012, the Board investigated twenty-three complaints and there were no malpractice suits received. In fiscal year 2013, the Board investigated eight complaints and there were no malpractice suits received. The average investigation took 60 days. These investigations did not result in any formal disciplinary actions.

LICENSURE

<u>Optometrists</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>
Annual Renewal	258	267
Non-renewal	16	8
New licenses	14	13

BOARD INVESTIGATIONS

<u>Sources of Notice</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>
Complaints filed	23	8
Malpractice writs	0	0
Insurance claim	0	0

BOARD ACTIONS

	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>
Letters of Concern issued	0	0
Formal Discipline	0	0