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December 14, 2015

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 FY14 and FY15 of the Board of Optometry submitted pursuant to RSA 327:4.

Respectfully submitted,

*Penny Taylor*  
Penny Taylor, Administrator  
Board of Optometry

enclosure

**New Hampshire  
Board of Optometry**

**Biennial Report**

**For Fiscal Years  
2014 and 2015**

December 10, 2015

Pursuant to RSA 327:4

**Personnel Data**  
Organizational Chart

Honorable Margaret Wood Hassan  
And the  
Executive Council

Joseph D. Kenney  
Colin Van Ostern  
Christopher T. Sununu  
Christopher C. Pappas  
David K. Wheeler

Office of Professional  
Licensure and Certification

<u>New Hampshire Board of Optometry</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Denis Allard, O.D. (Past Member)	12/7/05	7/1/15
Guy R. Lessard, O.D., President	12/19/12	7/1/17
Andrea L. Murphy, O.D.	10/16/13	7/1/18
Susan Haskell, O.D.	9/17/14	7/1/19
Alan P. Goode, Public Member	6/10/15	1/20/17

Administrative Staff:  
  
1 Part-time License Clerk

**Board of Optometry**  
**Biennial Report**  
**Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015**

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2015

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>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>
Total Revenue	\$39,940	\$45,260
Total Expenditures	\$ 6,360	\$ 4,261
Required to Meet 125%	\$ 7,950	\$ 5,326
Excess of Revenue Over 125%	\$31,990	\$39,934

**OPERATIONS**

The Board of Optometry licensed 13 new optometrists in fiscal year 2014 and 8 new optometrists in fiscal year 2015. There were approximately 247 optometrists renewed in fiscal year 2014 and 256 renewed in fiscal year 2015. Fifteen optometrists lapsed their licenses in fiscal year 2014 and sixteen optometrist's license lapsed in fiscal year 2015.

The Board receives complaints against optometrists from consumers and also receives malpractice suits filed in New Hampshire. In fiscal year 2014, the Board investigated eleven complaints and there were no malpractice suits received. In fiscal year 2015, the Board investigated seven complaints and there was one malpractice suit received and investigated. The average investigation took 60 days. These investigations did not result in any formal disciplinary actions.

**LICENSURE**

<u>Optometrists</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>
Annual Renewal	247	256
Non-renewal	15	16
New licenses	13	8

**BOARD INVESTIGATIONS**

<u>Sources of Notice</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>
Complaints filed	11	7
Malpractice writs	0	1
Insurance claim	0	0

**BOARD ACTIONS**

	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>
Letters of Concern issued	3	0
Formal Discipline	0	0