

STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS

Enabling Laws

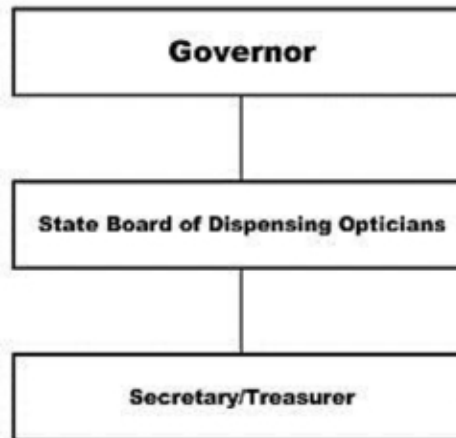
Act 162 of 2014
A.C.A. §17-89-201

History and Organization

The Arkansas Board of Dispensing Opticians was created by A.C.A. §17-89-201 et seq. The Board is composed of nine (9) members appointed by the Governor. The purpose of the Board is to protect the public from those persons who are untrained and unqualified and are in the business of dispensing materials. Ophthalmic dispensing covers the preparation of laboratory work orders, verification and dispensing of spectacle lenses, spectacles and eyeglasses to the intended wearer thereof on a written prescription from a licensed physician skilled in the disease of the eye or licensed optometrist.

The Board evaluates the qualifications and supervises the examination of applicants for licensure or registry. The Board also investigates complaints, allegations, and charges of practices violating the provisions of the establishing act.

The Board has three hundred fifty (350) licensed and registered Opticians, and one hundred fifty (150) apprentice Opticians.



Agency Commentary

The Board of Dispensing Opticians is responsible for the protection of the public from abuse by optical dispensers. The Board answers complaints by the public concerning certified Opticians. The Board evaluates the qualifications and supervises the examination of applicants for licensure or registry. The Board also investigates complaints, allegations, and charges of practices violating the provisions of the establishing Act.

The Board is requesting Base Level for the 2015-2017 Biennium.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
AUDIT OF :
ARKANSAS BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

Findings

Recommendations

None

None

State Contracts Over \$50,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2014

None

Employment Summary

| | Male | Female | Total | % |
|-------------------------|------|--------|-------|-------|
| White Employees | 0 | 1 | 1 | 100 % |
| Black Employees | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 % |
| Other Racial Minorities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 % |
| Total Minorities | | | 0 | 0 % |
| Total Employees | | | 1 | 100 % |

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-201 et seq.

| Name | Statutory Authorization | Required for | | # of Copies | Reason(s) for Continued Publication and Distribution | Unbound Black & White Copies Produced During the Last Two Years | Cost of Unbound Copies Produced During the Last Two Years |
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| | | Governor | General Assembly | | | | |
| None | N/A | N | N | 0 | N/A | 0 | 0.00 |

Agency Position Usage Report

| FY2012 - 2013 | | | | | | FY2013 - 2014 | | | | | | FY2014 - 2015 | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------|----------|-------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|-------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|-------|------------------|------------------------|
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Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 2KN - Dispensing Opticians

Funding Sources: SDB - Dispensing Opticians Board

The State Board of Dispensing Opticians was established by Act 589 of 1981 and consists of nine (9) members appointed by the Governor. The Board's primary mission is to protect the visual health of the citizens of Arkansas by maintaining rules, regulations, and license requirements for opticians that ensure competence, credibility and integrity within the profession. This appropriation is funded from the receipt of fees charged by the Agency, as authorized by A.C.A. §17-89-101 et seq.

Base Level Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching includes include continuation of the previously authorized 2015 1% Cost of Living Adjustment and Career Service Payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching also includes a \$10 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$420 per month. Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for Merit Pay Increases. The Base Level request for Regular Salaries includes board member stipend payments.

The Agency is requesting Base Level of \$48,045 for each year of the 2015-2017 Biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

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Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

| Commitment Item | 2013-2014 | 2014-2015 | 2014-2015 | 2015-2016 | | | 2016-2017 | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Authorized | Base Level | Agency | Executive | Base Level | Agency | Executive |
| Regular Salaries 5010000 | 12,235 | 14,667 | 14,667 | 14,773 | 14,773 | 14,773 | 14,773 | 14,773 | 14,773 |
| #Positions | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Extra Help 5010001 | 824 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| #Extra Help | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Personal Services Matching 5010003 | 7,602 | 7,821 | 7,769 | 7,972 | 7,972 | 7,972 | 7,972 | 7,972 | 7,972 |
| Operating Expenses 5020002 | 15,548 | 17,900 | 17,900 | 17,900 | 17,900 | 17,900 | 17,900 | 17,900 | 17,900 |
| Conference & Travel Expenses 5050009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Professional Fees 5060010 | 2,200 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Data Processing 5090012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Refunds/Reimbursements 5110014 | 0 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Capital Outlay 5120011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 38,409 | 47,788 | 47,736 | 48,045 | 48,045 | 48,045 | 48,045 | 48,045 | 48,045 |
| Funding Sources | | | | | | | | | |
| Fund Balance 4000005 | 208,365 | 236,588 | | 255,137 | 255,137 | 255,137 | 273,429 | 273,429 | 273,429 |
| Special Revenue 4000030 | 66,632 | 66,337 | | 66,337 | 66,337 | 66,337 | 66,337 | 66,337 | 66,337 |
| Total Funding | 274,997 | 302,925 | | 321,474 | 321,474 | 321,474 | 339,766 | 339,766 | 339,766 |
| Excess Appropriation/(Funding) | (236,588) | (255,137) | | (273,429) | (273,429) | (273,429) | (291,721) | (291,721) | (291,721) |
| Grand Total | 38,409 | 47,788 | | 48,045 | 48,045 | 48,045 | 48,045 | 48,045 | 48,045 |

FY15 Budget amount in Personal Service Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to the matching rate adjustments during the 2013 - 2015 Biennium.