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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2247**

House Amendments in [ ] — February 4, 2019

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-3207 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Board of Optometry; membership.*

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Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Robinson

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

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**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 54.1-3207 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 54.1-3207. Board of Optometry.**

The Board of Optometry shall be composed of six members as follows: five licensed optometrists and one citizen member. *Licensed optometrists appointed to the Board shall be individuals who [ , at the time of appointment, ] (i) have been engaged in the practice of optometry for at least five years [ prior to the date of their appointment ] , (ii) have met all requirements for practice as an optometrist set forth in this chapter and are qualified to engage in the full scope of the practice of optometry, and (iii) are actively engaged in the delivery of clinical care to patients for an average of at least 20 hours per week.* The terms of office of the members shall be four years. ~~The professional members of the Board shall have been engaged in the practice of optometry for at least five years prior to the date of their appointment. After July 1, 1996, all professional members newly appointed to the Board shall be certified in the administration of therapeutic pharmaceutical agents pursuant to Article 5 (§ 54.1-3222 et seq.) of this chapter.~~

**2. That this act shall not be construed to affect existing appointments to the Board of Optometry for which the terms have not expired. The provisions of this act shall apply to appointments to the Board of Optometry made after July 1, 2019.**

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