

STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS

Enabling Laws

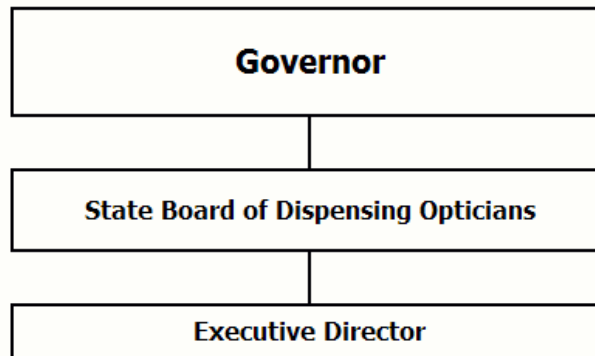
Act 47 of 2005
A.C.A. §17-89-201

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 investigate complaints, allegations, and charges of practices violating the provisions of the establishing act.

The Board has three hundred (300) licensed and registered Opticians, and one hundred twenty five (125) 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 2007-2009 biennium.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
 AUDIT OF :
 ARKANSAS BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

Findings	Recommendations
None	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 25-1-204

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# Of Copies	Reason (s) for Continued Publication and Distribution
		Governor	General Assembly		
None	N/A	N	N	0	N/A

Agency Position Usage Report

FY2004-2005						FY2005-2006						FY2006-2007					
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total	
1	1	0	1	0	0.00%	1	1	0	1	0	0.00%	1	1	0	1	0	0.00%

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 2KN - Dispensing Opticians

Funding Sources: SDB-Dispensing Opticians Fund

The State Board of Dispensing Opticians was established by A.C.A. §17-89-201 et seq. 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 Arkansas Code §17-89-101 et seq.

A cost of living increase is not incorporated in Base Level pending the outcome of the Classification and Compensation Study. The Base Level request of \$12,795 each year of the biennium for Regular Salaries does include board member Stipend payments. Personal Services Matching reflects increases in the Base Level due to certain increases in Worker's Compensation and Unemployment Tax rates as well as a \$30 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$350 per month.

The Board requests Base Level of \$44,570 each year of the biennium. This will provide appropriation for existing staff and operating costs necessary to conduct the business of the Dispensing Opticians Board.

The Executive Recommendation provides for Agency Request.

Appropriation

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Commitment Item	Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation					
	2005-2006 Actual	2006-2007 Budget	2006-2007 Authorized	2007-2008			2008-2009		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries 5010000	10,794	12,795	9,555	12,795	12,795	12,795	12,795	12,795	12,795
#Positions	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Extra Help 5010001	1,195	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	5,875	6,132	5,729	6,475	6,475	6,475	6,475	6,475	6,475
Operating Expenses 5020002	16,976	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900
Conference & Travel Expenses 5050009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees 5060010	2,540	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
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	37,380	44,227	40,584	44,570	44,570	44,570	44,570	44,570	44,570
Funding Sources									
Fund Balance 4000005	164,662	172,485		178,258	178,258	178,258	183,688	183,688	183,688
Special Revenue 4000030	45,203	50,000		50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total Funding	209,865	222,485		228,258	228,258	228,258	233,688	233,688	233,688
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(172,485)	(178,258)		(183,688)	(183,688)	(183,688)	(189,118)	(189,118)	(189,118)
Grand Total	37,380	44,227		44,570	44,570	44,570	44,570	44,570	44,570

The FY07 Budgeted amount in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching exceeds the Authorized amount due to Stipend payments and associated matching for board members.