



THE ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS

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Dear Licensed Optician:

Last year we successfully stopped a bill, sponsored by Rep. Paul Mosely LD5, to repeal our Regulatory Board and the Professionalism of Licensed Dispensing Opticians in the State of Arizona. Over the summer, Governor Doug Ducey instructed each Board and Commission to submit a report justifying their existence. His staff was tasked with reviewing those reports to improve customer service and to repeal unnecessary regulation.

This year, Representative Paul Mosely, is sponsoring HB2407 Dispensing Opticians; Repeal of Regulation, with the same purpose as last year.

AADO retained the services of a Lobbyist, Lori J. Lustig, to represent our interests with the Governor's office and at the Legislature. Discussions over the summer with the Governor's office has led to our understanding that he will not seek to sponsor legislation to repeal our Board, but if such a bill reached his desk, he would seriously consider signing the bill. However, discussions were also undertaken with both the House and Senate Leadership, House and Senate Health Committee Chairs, as well as other interested legislators. As a result, HB2407 was assigned this week to House Health. This means if the bill is heard in committee, the conversation will be on Public Health and Safety, as opposed to de-regulation.

We continue to reach out to Legislators to educate them on the role of Licensed Dispensing Opticians and the importance of a Regulatory Board and the work they do. We also want you, our members, to be aware of this pending threat. So far, the bill has just been assigned to Committee and we do not know if or when the bill will receive a committee hearing. *In the event it is scheduled*, we will reach out to you with a message for you to send your elected State Representative and Senator. Attached is an informational sheet we are using to *communicate* our message and *educate* our elected officials. Feel free to use it if you attend any meetings in your local communities. Nothing speaks louder than the voice of a constituent.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lori Lustig at 602-904-3841.

Sincerely,

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