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**JB PRITZKER**  
GOVERNOR

May 8, 2026

To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

As required by Section 5 of the Illinois Regulatory Sunset Act (5 ILCS 80/1 *et seq.*), the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) facilitated a study with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR), the agency responsible for oversight of the Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987 (225 ILCS 80) (the Act). This letter transmits the results of this study and provides justification to continue the Act.

The Act governs the licensure provided by IDFPR of professional optometrists in the State of Illinois. The absence of licensed professional optometrists would pose a significant and direct harm to the safety and welfare of the public. The regulation protects the public by requiring that the qualifications of licensed optometrists be reviewed by IDFPR to ensure that these individuals have completed the requisite education, examinations, and training to practice their profession with reasonable judgment, skill, and safety. The public is further protected by the Division's enforcement of the Act to ensure that allegations of professional incompetence, gross negligence, malpractice, and unprofessional conduct are investigated and that substantiated allegations are prosecuted by the Division for appropriate discipline.

Based on the factors in 5 ILCS 80/6 and the additional criteria in 5 ILCS 80/7, GOMB finds that the Act should be recommended for continuation. The record should expressly state that the public protection benefits of regulation outweigh the regulatory costs and that no less restrictive alternative would adequately address the significant and discernible harms identified in this report.

My office has reviewed this report and agrees with the recommendation to continue the Act. I present this report to the General Assembly for consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JB Pritzker".

Governor JB Pritzker



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