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FILINGS WITH THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COUNCIL

Notice of Proposed Rules

Date in parentheses indicates when rules were filed with the Legislative Research Council. Copies of proposed rules may be obtained for no charge at <https://rules.sd.gov> or from the agency directly.

South Dakota Board of Examiners in Optometry (Department of Health): (February 5, 2025) intends to amend rules to clarify licensing standards by updating the national board examination terminology; creating guidelines for delegation; clarifying telehealth standards; updating minimum office equipment; clarifying office inspection requirements; and updating provisions relating to corporate practice registration. The general authority for these rules, as cited by the board, is SDCL [36-7-13](#), [36-7-15](#), [36-7-25](#), [36-7-30](#), and [47-11B-23](#).

A public hearing at which persons may present amendments, data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules will be held at the AmericInn Conference Room, 312 Island Drive, Fort Pierre, South Dakota, on April 7, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. (CT). Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from, and written comments on the proposed rules may be sent to, the State Board of Examiners in Optometry, 13537 Dark Timber Ct, Piedmont, South Dakota 57769 or by email to sdoptboard@outlook.com. The deadline to submit any written comments for consideration by the board is April 4, 2025. This hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Persons with special needs for which the board can make arrangements may call (605) 279-2244 at least 48 hours before the public hearing.

FILINGS WITH THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Legislative Appointment

Jack Kolbeck, Sioux Falls, was appointed on February 5, 2025, to the **South Dakota House of Representatives**, to fill the District 13 vacancy created by the appointment of Representative Tony Venhuizen, Sioux Falls, as Lieutenant Governor. Kolbeck's appointment is effective immediately.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

3-7-2025	Department of Human Services: Amend a rule to remove the requirement of human rights committee review of medication prescribed for treatment or stabilization of psychiatric conditions or sedation prior to medical or dental procedures and make such reviews optional at the request of the participant or their guardian, and add the requirement that during each annual individualized service plan (ISP) meeting, the conflict-free case manager will ask if a review is requested. The rule requiring human rights committee and ISP approval before sedation will be repealed as the process is covered in the amended rule; 51 SDR 72, January 13, 2025.
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<p>4-7-2025</p>	<p>South Dakota Board of Examiners in Optometry (Department of Health): Amend rules to clarify licensing standards by updating the national board examination terminology; creating guidelines for delegation; clarifying telehealth standards; updating minimum office equipment; clarifying office inspection requirements; and updating provisions relating to corporate practice registration; 51 SDR 85, February 10, 2025.</p>
<p>7-14-2025</p>	<p>South Dakota Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers and Audiologists (Department of Health): Amend rules to reflect changes made to statutes during the 2024 legislative session; provide general language clean-up to reflect current terminology and practice; and correct legal and authority references; 51 SDR 80, January 27, 2025.</p>

RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Legislative leadership announced committee assignments for the 2025 Interim on November 25, 2024. Appointed to the Interim Rules Review Committee for their first term were Representative Erik Muckey (D-Sioux Falls) and Senators Taffy Howard (R-Rapid City) and Liz Larson (D-Sioux Falls). Reappointed for the 2025 Interim were Representatives Roger DeGroot (R-Brookings) and Jon Hansen (R-Dell Rapids), and Senator Jim Mehlhaff (R-Pierre). An organizational meeting for the 2025 Interim will be held in March. Notices of future committee meetings will be posted in this publication, on the [LRC website](#), and at the Capitol.

The Drafting Manual for Administrative Rules in South Dakota is available on the [Administrative Rules Manual page](#) of the LRC website and is updated regularly to reflect changes in drafting styles and procedures.