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COMMISSIONER'S ORDERS

(DATE).

Subject: Reorganization Order No. 59, as amended
Department of Occupations and Professions

Ordered:

That Reorganization Order No. 59, as amended, dated June 30, 1953, relating to the Department of Occupations and Professions, is hereby further amended by adding at the end of PART XIV, a PART XV as follows:

"PART XV. DISPENSING OPTICIAN LICENSING COMMISSION, DISPENSING OPTICIAN EXAMINING BOARD, AND DISPENSING OPTICIAN HEARING COMMITTEE

"A. *Establishment.* Pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 45 of Section 7 of the Act of July 1, 1902, as amended, (D. C. Code, 1961 edition, section 47-2344), there is hereby established, within the Department of Occupations and Professions, a Dispensing Optician Licensing Commission, a Dispensing Optician Examining Board, and Dispensing Optician Hearing Committee.

"B. *Delegation of Functions and Authority.* The Dispensing Optician Licensing Commission, the Dispensing Optician Examining Board, and the Dispensing Optician Hearing Committee shall be responsible for the technical and professional functions of administering the licensing program governing ophthalmic dispensing established by regulations approved by the Commissioners (date), and the Director of the Department of Occupations and Professions shall be responsible for the administrative functions of administering such licensing program. The Dispensing Optician Licensing Commission is hereby authorized to approve or reject applications for licensure and to make final determinations in connection with the issuance, denial, suspension, or revocation of licenses. The Dispensing Optician Examining Board is hereby authorized to make final determinations in connection with time, place, content, conducting, and results of examinations administered to applicants for licensure. The Dispensing Optician Hearing Committee is hereby authorized to conduct a public hearing and render a decision whenever the Dispensing Optician Licensing Commission contemplates denying, suspending, or revoking a license.

The Director of the Department of Occupations and Professions is hereby authorized to make decisions with respect to fiscal, administrative, and house-keeping matters.

"C. *Composition and Qualifications.*

1. The Dispensing Optician Licensing Commission shall be composed of the Director of the Department of Occupations and Professions and two members appointed by the Board of Commissioners. An appointed member must be licensed in the District of Columbia as a Dispensing Optician and must have had at least five years of experience in the practice of ophthalmic dispensing in the District of Columbia prior to his appointment. He must be actively engaged in the practice of ophthalmic dispensing in the District of Columbia at the time of such appointment.

2. The Dispensing Optician Examining Board shall be composed of five members appointed by the Board of Commissioners. Two members shall be ophthalmologists duly licensed to practice in the District of Columbia; and three members shall be Dispensing Opticians duly licensed to practice in the District of Columbia. Each such member shall have had at least five years of experience in practice in the District of Columbia and shall be actively engaged in such practice in the District of Columbia at the time of his appointment, and at least one of the Dispensing Optician members shall be licensed to dispense contact lenses in the District of Columbia.

3. The Dispensing Optician Hearing Committee shall be composed of the Director of the Department of Occupations and Professions and two members appointed by the Board of Commissioners. One appointed member shall be an attorney-at-law who is authorized to practice in the District of Columbia, and one appointed member shall be a Dispensing Optician licensed to practice in the District of Columbia. Each appointed member shall have had at least five years of experience in such practice in the District of Columbia and shall be actively so engaged at the time of his appointment.