

## **Repeal of Time Limits for National Board Scores For the Licensure by Endorsement Process**

- WHEREAS, on June 25, 1995, the American Optometric Association House of Delegates adopted resolution #1915, which supports the process of licensure by endorsement; and
- WHEREAS, the National Board of Examiners in Optometry, which develops and administers entry-level examinations for the state boards of optometry, has established policies which allow for the recognition of equivalency of earlier forms of its examinations with current forms of the "National Boards"; and
- WHEREAS, some states require "National Boards" be taken within a certain period of time as a prerequisite for licensure by endorsement; and
- WHEREAS, no state requires currently licensed optometrists within that state to retake the "National Boards" at any time; and
- WHEREAS, the requirement in some states that optometrists seeking licensure by endorsement in that state must have passed "National Boards" within a certain time frame creates a barrier that restricts the movement of competent practitioners from one state to another; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the American Optometric Association encourages affiliated state associations and individual state optometry boards to actively seek the repeal of state laws or regulations that require candidates for licensure by endorsement to pass the "National Boards" within a certain time frame.

*Adopted as Resolution #1 of 1999 by the American Optometric Association House of Delegates, June 24, 1999*