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**Hearing Location(s)** (for additional locations, copy and paste table)

Address 1:	Poplar Room, Heritage Place MetroCenter		
Address 2:	227 French Landing Drive		
City:	Nashville, Tennessee		
Zip:	37243		
Hearing Date :	05/02/2012		
Hearing Time:	9:00 am	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_ CST/CDT	<input type="checkbox"/> __ EST/EDT

**Additional Hearing Information:**

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**Revision Type (check all that apply):**

- Amendment  
 New  
 Repeal

**Rule(s)** (ALL chapters and rules contained in filing must be listed. If needed, copy and paste additional tables to accommodate more than one chapter. Please enter only **ONE** Rule Number/Rule Title per row.)

Chapter Number	Chapter Title
1045-02	General Rules Governing the Practice of Optometry

Rule Number	Rule Title
1045-02-.05	Continuing Education

(Place substance of rules and other info here. Statutory authority must be given for each rule change. For information on formatting rules go to <http://state.tn.us/sos/rules/1360/1360.htm>)

Rule 1045-02-.05 Continuing Education is amended by deleting paragraph (2)(a) in its entirety and substituting instead the following as new subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) and renumbering the remaining subparagraphs accordingly, so that as amended, the new subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) shall read:

- (2) Approval of Continuing Education:
  - (a) For those courses requiring Board approval, the information required by subparagraph (2)(d) must be submitted to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the actual date of the course. However, no prior approval is required for the following:
    - 1. Educational courses approved by the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry's Council on Optometric Practitioner Education.
    - 2. Educational courses sponsored by an organization listed on the Board's website with the Tennessee Department of Health.
  - (b) Grand rounds of clinical optometric education (grand clinical rounds) performed in clinical treatment facilities shall be credited as follows:
    - 1. One (1) hour of credit is received for two (2) hours of attendance.
    - 2. No more than six (6) hours of continuing education credit during the two (2) year period described in paragraph (1) shall be granted to a licensee for attending grand clinical rounds.
    - 3. Grand clinical rounds must be submitted to the Board for pre-approval.
  - (c) The one (1) hour course designed specifically to address prescribing practices must be pre-approved by the Board.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 63-8-112 and 63-8-119.

Rule 1045-02-.05 Continuing Education is amended by inserting the following language as new paragraph three (3) and renumbering the remaining paragraphs accordingly, so that, as amended the new paragraph (3) shall read:

- (3) Continuing Education Tracking System
  - (a) Each licensee shall submit to the Selected Contractor proof of completion for each continuing education course taken. The proof of completion shall be submitted to the Selected Contractor within thirty (30) days of receipt.
  - (b) Each licensee is responsible for reviewing the information contained in the system to ensure its accuracy.
  - (c) Continuing education providers will submit to the Selected Contractor a roster of those Tennessee licensed optometrists who attended the continuing education course. The roster shall be submitted to the Selected Contractor within thirty (30) days after the course date.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 63-8-112 and 63-8-119

I certify that the information included in this filing is an accurate and complete representation of the intent and scope of rulemaking proposed by the agency.

Date: March 9 2012

Signature: Lucille F. Bond

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Title of Officer: Department of Health

Subscribed and sworn to before me on: 3/9/12

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My commission expires on: 3/15



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