## **TITLE 852 INDIANA OPTOMETRY BOARD**

## Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule

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Under IC 4-22-2-23, the Indiana Optometry Board intends to adopt a rule concerning the following:

**OVERVIEW:** Adds a new rule concerning convictions of concern. This rule implements the provisions of IC 25-1-1.1-6 requiring every board, commission, or committee under IC 25 to revise its licensing or certification requirements to explicitly list the convictions of concern that may disqualify an individual from receiving a license; to establish criteria to determine whether an applicant should be denied a license if they have a conviction of concern; and to establish a procedure for an individual to receive a pre-application determination as to whether their criminal history would preclude them from obtaining a license. Public comments are invited and may be directed to the Indiana Optometry Board c/o Elizabeth Walker, Deputy General Counsel – Operations Director, 402 West Washington Street, Room W072, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or by email to elwalker@pla.in.gov. Statutory authority: IC 25-1-1.1-6.

For purposes of <u>IC 4-22-2-28.1</u>, the Small Business Regulatory Coordinator for this rule is:

Elizabeth Walker Indiana Professional Licensing Agency Indiana Government Center South 402 West Washington Street, Room W072 Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 234-2912 elwalker@pla.in.gov

For purposes of <u>IC 4-22-2-28.1</u>, the Small Business Ombudsman designated by <u>IC 5-28-17-6</u> is:

Matthew Jaworowski
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Resources available to regulated entities through the small business ombudsman include the ombudsman's duties stated in <u>IC 5-28-17-6</u>, specifically <u>IC 5-28-17-6(9)</u>, investigating and attempting to resolve any matter regarding compliance by a small business with a law, rule, or policy administered by a state agency, either as a party to a proceeding or as a mediator.

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