

Optometry, Practice Of—Osteopaths, Examination Of.

Osteopaths are required to pass a satisfactory examination before they may be permitted to practice optometry.

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Mr. J. E. Lorenz, Sec'y-Treas.,
Mont. State Bd. of Examiners in Optometry,
Butte, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th inst., in which you request my opinion as to whether or not duly licensed osteopaths can legally practice optometry under the laws of the State of Montana without first having passed a satisfactory examination in optometry before the State Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Section 1621 of the Revised Codes of Montana, exempts physicians and surgeons who are authorized to practice medicine and surgery under the laws of Montana. Section 1599 of the Revised Codes of Montana, declares that the practice of osteopathy shall not be deemed as the practice of medicine or surgery. Since the osteopaths are excluded from the practice of medicine and surgery under our Codes, it is my opinion that the osteopaths do not come within the exemption provided for in Section 1621.

You are therefore advised that in order that osteopaths may be legally permitted to practice optometry in this state they must first pass a satisfactory examination in optometry before the State Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Respectfully,
S. C. FORD,
Attorney General.