

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2026 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 353

BY Senator Rucker

[Introduced January 15, 2026; referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary]

- 1 A BILL to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to
2 authorizing the Board of Optometry to promulgate a legislative rule relating to licensure by
3 reciprocity.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 9. AUTHORIZATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS BOARDS AND AGENCIES TO
PROMULGATE LEGISLATIVE RULES.**

§64-9-1. Board of Optometry.

- 1 The legislative rule filed in the State Register on July 23, 2025, authorized under the
2 authority of §30-8-6 of this code, modified by the Board of Optometry to meet the objections of the
3 Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee and refiled in the State Register on September 18,
4 2025, relating to the Board of Optometry (licensure by reciprocity, 14 CSR 08), is authorized.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Board of Optometry to promulgate a legislative rule relating to licensure by reciprocity.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.