



## ISSUE MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	March 11, 2022
<b>TO</b>	Members, California State Board of Optometry (CSBO)
<b>FROM</b>	Shara Murphy, Executive Officer
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Agenda Item #7 - Presentation on Military Licensure by the Department of Consumer Affairs

Current law allows for the waver of renewal requirements and fees for reservists called to active duty, but it appears to be silent for active duty military stationed outside of California. At previous Board meetings, public comments suggested waiving optometry and optician license fees for those who are active duty military.

As a result of public comment received, the Legislation and Regulation Committee of the Board discussed possibly removing fees for optometry and optician licensees who are active duty military, not just “recalled to duty” reservists.

The Legislative Committee of the California Optometric Association is reportedly developing a legislative proposal. Board staff could potentially work with COA to develop language with the assistance of legal counsel. The Board approved a presentation from DCA to begin formulating the Board’s intent prior to engaging with the professional association.

The Board welcomes Brian Clifford (Senior Planning and Implementation Manager), California Department of Consumer Affairs - Executive Office to provide today’s presentation.