



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

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COMMITTEE: <b>Healthcare Reform</b>			
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<b>WITNESS NAME</b>			
<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am in Support of this Bill and extending the Re-Examination Certification Testing from five (5) Years to Seven (7). We also NEED assure that there is No fraud or taking advantage of the Pension Fund.



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As a visually impaired individual I understand the process of verification of eyesight acuity but if an individual is receiving blind pension I do not understand continued reexamination if the recipient is blind an will not ever see again is subject every 5 to 7 years as this is traumatic to be subjected when there will be no result for this exam they should be able to have an exception for such cases as determined by a state physician and these exams are expensive and could have the cost saved of a continuing unchanged result from these reoccurring exams



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David Plumley an individual who worked closely with the Missouri Council of the Blind, had a bad experience during the eye exam and felt as if the process was very belittling. David was born blind, and his eyesight had never improved or changed, yet he constantly had to have a doctor tell him his eyesight would never improve. Before he passed, he was hoping that there was some way to amend the process for people seeking the eye exam to remain on the Blind Pension. His hope of to either eliminate the process entirely or extend the timeframe of people receiving the exam from every 5 years to 7. In addition, it saves the State money on the state optometrist exams in the long run.



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Hello my name is Michael Hopper thank you for taking the time to read this today. I am a southern-born American and a proud Missouri resident. I was born three and a half months premature I have what is called retinopathy of prematurity. My left eye never fully developed and I've never been able to see anything out of that eye completely blind since birth. My right eye however was able to pass a reading test and I lived in normal life up until 2017. I am now legally blind unable to drive. As much as I wish my vision would get better for most of us that's only a wish. For people with prosthetic eyes. Having a reevaluation at any point can be a very negative experience. Removing the wording would be good. I feel it would be nice if patients had a exempt form they could simply have their ophthalmologist fill out at which point the doctor would have to explain why they could possibly see again. I would like to believe that most doctors always have some hope with today's technology and advancements in some cases. The patient could also sign the the exemption form stating that if by any chance their vision changes above the requirements they are to notify Family Services immediately. Failure to do so would result in legal Criminal action. Thank you so much for your time. Together we can make a difference. Sincerely Michael Hopper