Phase I: Administrative Rule Inventory Submission Cover Sheet $Privileged \ \& \ Confidential$

General Information
Agency: Alabama Board of Optometry
Red Tape Reduction Coordinator: Fred Wallace, O.D.
Overview of Administrative Rule Inventory (All information current as of <u>September 1, 2023</u>)
Total number of restrictive terms inventoried (i.e., rows in your inventory): 327
Total number of discretionary regulatory restrictions: 183
Total word count of all rules in your agency's administrative code: 13943
Report on stakeholder input
Please provide a summary on what steps your agency took to ensure meaningful stakeholder input in completing the inventory. Examples could include convening stakeholder meetings, posting a draft inventory on your website, allowing for public comment on a draft inventory, etc.
The inventory has been posted on the Board's website.
Report on preliminary ideas for red-tape reduction
Please provide any preliminary ideas your agency has for contributing to Governor Ivey's overall, statewide goal of reducing discretionary regulatory restrictions by twenty-five percent. These can be preliminary ideas; agencies will be able to develop more concrete proposals during Phase II.
The Board began work sometime ago on a complete review and re-write of its rules. Many of the rules are old, ill worded, and/or includes reference to requirements which are not necessary and/or not used. The Board has put that project on hold given the current moratorium. While there are a number of restrictive rules, the majority of those restrict the powers and duties of the Board and not licensees or the citizenry. Close to half of the restrictive references are restrictions carried over from the enabling statutes. When it continues this review, the rules shall be reviewed for unneccessary restrictive language.

Agency Head Signature

Date

10/18/2023