

## Session 114 - (2001-2002)

H\*3290 (Rat #0114, Act #0084 of 2001) General Bill, By Walker, Allen, Allison, Bales, Barfield, Barrett, Battle, Breeland, G.A. Brown, J. Brown, R.L. Brown, Cato, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cooper, Davenport, Delleney, Easterday, Edge, Emory, Freeman, Frye, Gilham, Gourdine, Govan, Harrison, Harvin, Haskins, Hayes, J. Hines, M. Hines, Hosey, Howard, Jennings, Keegan, Kelley, Kennedy, Kirsh, Leach, Lee, Littlejohn, Lloyd, Lucas, Mack, Martin, McCraw, McLeod, Meacham-Richardson, Merrill, Miller, Moody-Lawrence, J.H. Neal, J.M. Neal, Neilson, Ott, Phillips, Quinn, Rhoad, Riser, Rivers, Rutherford, Sandifer, Scott, Sharpe, Sheheen, Simrill, Sinclair, F.N. Smith, G.M. Smith, J.E. Smith, J.R. Smith, W.D. Smith, Snow, Stille, Stuart, Talley, Taylor, Townsend, Trotter, Vaughn, Webb, Weeks, Whatley, Whipper, White, Wilder, Witherspoon, A. Young, J. Young, Loftis and Askins

*Similar (S 0325)*

**Summary:** Optometrists, may prescribe pharmaceutical agents for certain diagnosis and treatments; Optometry, Pharmacies

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-37-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CONDUCT DEEMED TO BE ENGAGING IN THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS ADMINISTERING AND PRESCRIBING PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF EYE DISEASE; TO AMEND SECTION 40-37-105, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE USE OF PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS BY OPTOMETRISTS, SO AS TO DELETE PROVISIONS CONCERNING SPECIFIC MEDICATIONS, PROVISIONS REGARDING PATIENT CHART DOCUMENTATION, AND PROVISIONS RELATING TO PROCEDURES FOR MAKING REFERRALS WHEN PRESCRIBING TOPICAL STEROIDS AND WHEN TREATING GLAUCOMA AND TO AUTHORIZE INJECTIONS FOR THE TREATMENT OF ANAPHYLAXIS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-37-107, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE USE OF PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS BY OPTOMETRISTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS INCLUDE ORAL AND TOPICALLY APPLIED MEDICATIONS, TO REQUIRE THAT PATIENT CHART DOCUMENTATION, CONSULTATIONS, AND REFERRALS TO BE IN KEEPING WITH THE STANDARD OF CARE REQUIRED OF PHYSICIANS, TO REQUIRE AN OPTOMETRIST PRESCRIBING TOPICAL STEROIDS TO COMMUNICATE WITH AN OPHTHALMOLOGIST AFTER TWENTY-ONE DAYS, RATHER THAN TEN DAYS, IF IT IS NECESSARY TO CONTINUE THE MEDICATION, AND TO DELETE PROVISIONS REQUIRING CONSULTATIONS WITH A PHYSICIAN WHEN TREATING GLAUCOMA WITH BETA BLOCKERS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-37-107, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REFERRALS, TREATMENT, AND SURGERY, SO AS TO REQUIRE PATIENT CHART DOCUMENTATION, CONSULTATIONS, AND REFERRALS TO BE IN KEEPING WITH THE STANDARD OF CARE REQUIRED OF PHYSICIANS AND TO CLARIFY WHEN REFERRALS MUST BE MADE TO AN OPHTHALMOLOGIST WHEN TREATING GLAUCOMA.-AMENDED TITLE

01/18/01	House	Introduced, read first time, placed on calendar without reference HJ-7
01/23/01	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Huggins, Scarborough
01/24/01	House	Debate adjourned until Wednesday, February 7, 2001 HJ-20
01/24/01	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Parks
01/31/01	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Robinson, Limehouse
02/01/01	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Knotts
02/06/01	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Coleman, Chellis, Hinson, Law, Dantzler, Cotty
02/07/01	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: McGee, Perry, D.C.Smith, D.Owens
02/07/01	House	Committed to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs HJ-12
03/21/01	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Thompson, Lourie
03/21/01	House	Committee report: Majority favorable with amend., minority unfavorable Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs HJ-6
03/22/01	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Bowers, Coates
03/28/01	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Rodgers, Rice, Hamilton, Campsen, Altman, Harrell
03/28/01	House	Amended HJ-23
03/28/01	House	Read second time HJ-37
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04/03/01	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-15
04/03/01	Senate	Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs SJ-15
05/16/01	Senate	Polled out of committee Medical Affairs SJ-5
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05/17/01	Senate	Amended SJ-24

05/17/01 Senate Read second time SJ-24  
05/17/01 Senate Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day SJ-24  
05/18/01 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-2  
05/23/01 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled HJ-39  
06/05/01 Ratified R 114  
08/08/01 Signed By Governor  
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