

## Session 118 - (2009-2010)

**H 3303 General Bill, By J.R. Smith, Gullick, Hardwick, Gambrell, Hiott, Anthony, A.D. Young, Jennings, D.C. Moss, Clemmons, Allison, Bowen, Cooper, Duncan, Hearn, Lucas, Simrill, D.C. Smith, Spires, Long, Edge, Weeks, G.M. Smith, Hayes, Miller, Jefferson, Hodges, Whitmire, Harvin, Herbkersman, Hosey, Agnew, Littlejohn, Williams, Bowers, G.A. Brown, Stewart, Barfield, Umphlett, Parker, Kirsh, Allen, Viers, Govan, Battle, Hart, Skelton and Daning**  
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### Summary: Optometrists

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-37-20, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF TERMS USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF OPTOMETRISTS, SO AS TO DELETE THE DEFINITIONS OF "BASIC CERTIFIED OPTOMETRIST", "DIAGNOSTIC CERTIFIED OPTOMETRIST", AND "THERAPEUTIC CERTIFIED OPTOMETRIST"; TO AMEND SECTION 40-37-30, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR OPTOMETRISTS, SO AS TO FURTHER SPECIFY ACTIVITIES THAT CONSTITUTE THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY; TO AMEND SECTION 40-37-290, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO OPTOMETRISTS ADMINISTERING AND PRESCRIBING PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS, SO AS TO FURTHER SPECIFY WHAT PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY OPTOMETRISTS, TO DELETE PROVISIONS RELATING TO PRESCRIBING ORAL AND TOPICALLY APPLIED MEDICATIONS AND THE PROVISION REQUIRING AN OPTOMETRIST TO COMMUNICATE AND COLLABORATE WITH AN OPHTHALMOLOGIST WHEN PRESCRIBING TOPICAL STEROIDS FOR MORE THAN TWENTY-ONE DAYS, AND TO PROVIDE WHAT MEDICATIONS AN OPTOMETRIST MAY ADMINISTER INJECTIONS INTO THE EYELID AND SUBCONJUNCTIVAL INJECTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-37-310, RELATING TO REFERRALS TO OPHTHALMOLOGISTS AND OTHER OPTOMETRISTS AND THE PROHIBITION AGAINST OPTOMETRISTS PERFORMING SURGERY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THESE REFERRALS AND THE PROHIBITION AGAINST PERFORMING SURGERY, AND TO PROVIDE WHAT TYPE OF SURGICAL PROCEDURES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 40-37-420 RELATING TO LICENSURE TRANSITION PROVISIONS THAT ARE OBSOLETE.

01/15/09	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-439
01/15/09	House	Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs HJ-440
01/15/09	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Long, Edge
01/27/09	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Weeks, G.M.Smith, Hayes, Brady, Miller, Jefferson, Hodges, Whitmire, Harvin, Herbkersman, Hosey
01/27/09	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Neilson
01/28/09	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Agnew, Littlejohn, Williams, Bowers, G.A.Brown, Sellers
01/29/09	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Stewart, Barfield, Umphlett, Parker
01/29/09	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Brady
02/03/09	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Kirsh, Allen, Viers, Govan
02/03/09	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Huggins
02/04/09	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Dillard, Battle
02/12/09	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hart
02/17/09	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Skelton
02/18/09	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Sellers
02/19/09	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Dillard
03/03/09	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Daning
03/03/09	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Branham