

House Bill 1156

By: Representatives Smith of the 169th, Watson of the 70th, Ragas of the 64th, Bunn of the 74th and Porter of the 143rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 30 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 optometrists, so as to provide for the State Board of Optometry to establish a list of
3 pharmaceutical agents which optometrists shall be allowed to use for treatment purposes; to
4 require a 30 day comment period before a pharmaceutical agent is placed on the list for use
5 by optometrists; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 30 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to optometrists,
10 is amended by striking subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of Code Section 43-30-1, relating
11 to definitions, and inserting in its place a new subparagraph (B) to read as follows:

12 "(B) The board shall establish ~~by rule~~ a list, which may be modified from time to time,
13 of pharmaceutical agents which optometrists shall be allowed to use for treatment
14 purposes; provided, however, no pharmaceutical agent shall be placed on such list
15 before the expiration of 30 days from the date of approval by the federal Food and Drug
16 Administration during which time the board shall receive comments from the public."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.