

AN ACT

To amend Chapter 30 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to optometrists, so as to change the provisions relating to scope of practice; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 30 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to optometrists, is amended by adding at the end of paragraph (2) of Code Section 43-30-1, relating to definitions, a new subparagraph to read as follows:

"(I) Optometrists who are certified to use pharmaceutical agents for treatment purposes shall have the authority to prescribe and administer oral pharmaceutical agents, in addition to the analgesics which alone are subject to the restrictions of subparagraph (D) of this paragraph, for the treatment of conditions of the eye and eyelid only. The treatment of nonocular medical conditions is specifically prohibited. Optometrists may not prescribe those pharmaceutical agents listed in Schedules I and II of Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16, the 'Georgia Controlled Substances Act.' A doctor of optometry shall not prescribe or administer oral cortical-steroids for more than seven (7) days without consultation with the patient's physician."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.