

House Bill 1408

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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 change the provisions relating to scope of practice; to repeal conflicting  
3 laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

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

9 " (I) Optometrists who are certified to use pharmaceutical agents for treatment purposes  
10 shall have the authority to prescribe and administer oral pharmaceutical agents, in  
11 addition to the analgesics which alone are subject to the restrictions of subparagraph  
12 (D) of this paragraph, for the treatment of conditions of the eye and eyelid only. The  
13 treatment of nonocular medical conditions is specifically prohibited. Optometrists may  
14 not prescribe those pharmaceutical agents listed in Schedules I and II of Article 2 of  
15 Chapter 13 of Title 16, the 'Georgia Controlled Substances Act.'"

16 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.