

NOT GERMANE

1 Senator Fort of the 39th offered the following amendment:

2 Amend the committee substitute to HB 1028 (LC 14 8858S) by adding after "actions;" on
3 line 10 of page 1 the following:

4 "to provide for legislative findings with respect to a crisis in the field of mental health
5 services and prescriptive authority; to provide for prescriptive authority by psychologists;"

6 By inserting between lines 27 and 28 of page 16 the following:

7 **"SECTION 1A.**

8 Said title is further amended by striking Chapter 37, which is reserved, and inserting in its
9 place a new Chapter 37 to read as follows:

10 **'CHAPTER 37**

11 31-37-1.

12 The General Assembly finds a crisis in the provision of access to mental health services
13 and prescriptions related to such services. This crisis is of significant detriment to the
14 citizens of this state and their economic, social, and academic endeavors. The General
15 Assembly further finds that extending prescriptive authority to psychologists will alleviate
16 the crisis and be of substantial benefit to the state.

17 31-37-2.

18 (a) As used in this chapter, the term "psychologist" means any person duly licensed as a
19 psychologist under Chapter 39 of Title 43.

20 (b) The practice of psychology shall include the administering, ordering, and prescribing
21 of drugs for the diagnosis, care, and treatment of mental or nervous disorders or illness.

22 (c) The State Board of Examiners of Psychologists shall adopt rules for certification of
23 psychologists to administer, order, and prescribe drugs, which rules shall include
24 appropriate training and examination requirements and which shall provide for consultation
25 with a physician.

26 (d) For purposes of Title 16 and other state or federal laws and regulations, a psychologist
27 is authorized to register with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration and appropriate
28 state authorities.

29 (e) The provisions of this Code section shall supersede any provisions of Code Section
30 43-39-1 which may be in conflict with the provisions of this Code section."