

House Bill 899

By: Representative Ehrhart of the 36th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 30 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to optometrists, so as to provide for additional pharmaceutical agents which may be used by a doctor of optometry for treatment purposes; to provide for related matters; 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 striking subparagraph (D) of paragraph (2) of Code Section 43-30-1, relating to definitions, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(D) Pharmaceutical agents which are used by a doctor of optometry for treatment purposes and administered orally may only be:

(i)(I) Nonnarcotic oral analgesics and Schedule III or Schedule IV controlled substances which are oral analgesics;

~~(ii)~~(II) Used for ocular pain; and

~~(iii)~~(III) Used for no more than 72 hours without consultation with the patient's physician; or

(ii) Oral and topical pharmaceutical agents related to the diagnosis or treatment of diseases and conditions of the eye and adnexa oculi except Schedule I or Schedule II controlled substances; provided, however, that oral steroids shall be limited to a maximum seven-day dose pack."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.