

House Bill 1103

By: Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, Cole of the 125th, Carter of the 159th, Maddox of the 172nd, Graves of the 12th, and others

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 additional pharmaceutical agents which may be used by a
3 doctor of optometry for treatment purposes; to provide for a standard of care; to provide for
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Chapter 30 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to optometrists,
8 is amended by striking subparagraph (D) of paragraph (2) of Code Section 43-30-1, relating
9 to definitions, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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

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

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

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

17 (ii) Oral and topical pharmaceutical agents related to the diagnosis or treatment of
18 diseases and conditions of the eye and adnexa oculi except Schedule I or Schedule II
19 controlled substances; provided, however, that oral steroids shall be limited to a
20 maximum seven-day dose pack. Doctors of optometry using such oral and topical
21 pharmaceutical agents shall be held to the same standard of care imposed by Code
22 Section 51-1-27 as would be applied to a physician licensed under Chapter 34 of this
23 title performing similar acts."

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

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.