

Senate Bill 17

By: Senators Harp of the 29th, Unterman of the 45th, Hooks of the 14th, Mullis of the 53rd, Harbison of the 15th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

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 related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 30 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to optometrists,
8 is amended by revising subparagraph (D) of paragraph (2) of Code Section 43-30-1, relating
9 to definitions, as follows:

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)~~ (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 antibiotics limited to tetracycline, doxycycline, cephalosporin, and
18 dicloxacillin for use in treating ocular surface disease and lid disease only; provided,
19 however, that a doctor of optometry shall not be authorized to treat systemic diseases."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.