

WITHDRAWN

Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Jones of the 25th, Unterman of the 45th and Hufstetler of the 52nd offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the substitute to HB 649 (LC 33 6581S) by inserting after "statutory constuction;" on*
 2 *line 5 the following:*

3 to authorize a physician to delegate to a physician assistant the authority to prescribe
 4 hydrocodone compound products; to provide for a limitation; to provide for additional
 5 continuing education requirements regarding Schedule II controlled substances;

6 *By inserting between lines 214 and 215 the following:*

7 Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-34-103, relating to delegation of authority
 8 to physician assistants, by revising paragraph (1) and by adding a new paragraph to
 9 subsection (e.1) to read as follows:

10 "(e.1)(1)(A) In addition to and without limiting the authority granted by Code Section
 11 43-34-23, a physician may delegate to a physician assistant, in accordance with a job
 12 description, the authority to issue a prescription drug order or orders for any device as
 13 defined in Code Section 26-4-5 or to issue any dangerous drug as defined in Code
 14 Section 16-13-71 or any Schedule III, IV, or V controlled substance as defined in Code
 15 Section 16-13-21 on a prescription drug order or prescription device order form as
 16 specified in paragraph (3) of this subsection.

17 (B) A physician may delegate to a physician assistant the authority to issue a
 18 prescription drug order or orders for up to a 15 day supply of a Schedule II controlled
 19 substance as defined in Code Section 16-13-26 that is a hydrocodone compound
 20 product:

21 (i) If the authority to prescribe such drug is within the scope of practice of such
 22 physician;

23 (ii) If the issuance of such prescription drug order or orders is within such physician
 24 assistant's job description; and

25 (iii) In accordance with requirements and limitations established by the board.

26 (C) Delegation of such authority shall be contained in the job description required by
 27 this Code section. The delegating physician shall remain responsible for the medical
 28 acts of the physician assistant performing such delegated acts and shall adequately
 29 supervise the physician assistant. If an existing job description for a physician assistant
 30 does not contain such authority to order a prescription drug or device order as provided
 31 by this subsection, that physician assistant may not issue any such prescription drug or

32 device order until a new job description delegating such authority is submitted to and
33 approved by the board.

34 (D) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, nothing ~~Nothing~~ in this
35 Code section shall be construed to authorize the written prescription drug order of a
36 Schedule I or II controlled substance."

37 "(11.1) A physician assistant delegated the authority by the primary supervising
38 physician to issue a prescription drug order for a Schedule II controlled substance in
39 accordance with subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be required
40 to complete three hours of continuing education biennially in the appropriate ordering and
41 use of Schedule II controlled substances. Such hours of continuing education shall be
42 counted toward the overall biennial continuing education requirements established by the
43 board for physician assistants."

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SECTION 3.