

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

WITHDRAWN

1 *Amend HB 900 (LC 33 6498ERS) by inserting after "liability;" on line 8 the following:*

2 to amend Code Section 43-34-103 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
3 delegation of authority to physician assistants, so as to authorize a physician to delegate to
4 a physician assistant the authority to prescribe hydrocodone compound products for a
5 three-year period; to provide for a limitation; to require a report; to provide for additional
6 continuing education requirements regarding Schedule II controlled substances;

7 *By inserting between lines 126 and 127 the following:*

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

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

18 (B) During the period between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2019, a physician may
19 delegate to a physician assistant the authority to issue a prescription drug order or
20 orders for up to a seven-day supply of a Schedule II controlled substance as defined in
21 Code Section 16-13-26 that is a hydrocodone compound product:

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

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

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

27 (B.1) On or before December 1, 2019, the board in cooperation with the Georgia Drugs
28 and Narcotics Agency shall issue a report concerning the prescribing authority allowed
29 by subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

30 (C) Delegation of such authority shall be contained in the job description required by
31 this Code section. The delegating physician shall remain responsible for the medical

32 acts of the physician assistant performing such delegated acts and shall adequately
33 supervise the physician assistant. If an existing job description for a physician assistant
34 does not contain such authority to order a prescription drug or device order as provided
35 by this subsection, that physician assistant may not issue any such prescription drug or
36 device order until a new job description delegating such authority is submitted to and
37 approved by the board.

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

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

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SECTION 5.