

Senator Hill of the 6th offered the following amendment:

WITHDRAWN

1 *Amend the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services substitute to SB 221 (LC 37*
2 *2388S) by striking lines 1 and 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

3 To amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions, so
4 as to include optometrists in requirements for certain identification by health care
5 practitioners to patients; to authorize doctors of optometry to administer

6 *By inserting between lines 5 and 6 the following:*

SECTION 0.5.

8 Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions, is amended by
9 revising paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (c), subdivision (e)(1)(A)(iii), and paragraph (6)
10 of subsection (e) of Code Section 43-1-33, relating to identification by health care
11 practitioners to patients with regard to their license, as follows:

12 "(1) 'Advertisement' means any communication or statement, whether printed, electronic,
13 or verbal, that names a health care practitioner in relation to his or her practice,
14 profession, or institution in which the practitioner is employed, volunteers, or otherwise
15 provides health care services. This term includes business cards, letterhead, patient
16 brochures, signage, e-mail, Internet, audio, and video.

17 (2) 'Health care practice or facility' means a hospital, physician practice setting,
18 optometric practice setting, nursing home, assisted living community, or personal care
19 home."

20 "(iii) An identifier shall not be required in an operating room or other setting where
21 surgical or other invasive procedures are performed or in any other setting where
22 maintaining a sterile environment is medically necessary; provided, however, that this
23 subdivision shall not apply to optometrists administering injections pursuant to
24 subparagraph (c) of paragraph (2) of Code Section 43-30-1."

25 "(6) This subsection shall only apply to a dentist if such dentist is practicing in a hospital.
26 This subsection shall only apply to a chiropractor ~~or optometrist~~ if such chiropractor ~~or~~
27 ~~optometrist~~ is practicing in a hospital, nursing home, assisted living community, or
28 personal care home."

29 *By striking lines 7 through 9 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

30 Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-30-1, relating to definitions relative to
31 optometrists, by revising subparagraphs (C) and (D) of paragraph (2) as follows: