

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 474

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 7 down through “tests;” in line 9 and substitute “authorizing certain optometrists to administer or prescribe certain steroids under certain circumstances;”; in line 10, strike “continuing education”; in the same line, after “courses” insert “by a certain date”; and strike beginning with “requiring” in line 10 down through “optometrists;” in line 12 and substitute “requiring the Board to adopt a certain practice protocol in consultation with and subject to the approval of the State Board of Physicians by a certain date; requiring the Board to report to certain committees of the General Assembly by a certain date;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 11, strike “A 24-HOUR” and substitute “AN 8-HOUR”; strike beginning with “PHARMACEUTICAL” in line 12 down through “BRUSH” in line 13 and substitute “STERIODS”; and strike in its entirety line 36.

On page 3, in lines 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 13, in each instance, strike the brackets; in lines 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 14, strike “(III)”, “(IV)”, “(V)”, “(VI)”, “(VII)”, “(VIII)”, “(IX)”, “(X)”, and “(VIII)”, respectively; in line 4, strike the first opening bracket; in the same line, strike the first closing bracket; in lines 12 and 20, in each instance, strike “If” and substitute “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF”; after line 24, insert:

“(4) A THERAPEUTICALLY CERTIFIED OPTOMETRIST MAY ADMINISTER OR PRESCRIBE TOPICAL STEROIDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PRACTICE PROTOCOL ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD.”;

in lines 25 and 32, strike “(4)” and “(5)”, respectively, and substitute “(5)” and “(6)”, respectively; strike in its entirety line 27; in line 29, strike “(iii)”; and in lines 28, 29, 30, and 31, strike “(ii)”, “(I)”, “(II)”, and “(III)”, respectively, and substitute “(I)”, “(II)”, “(III)”, and “(IV)”, respectively.

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AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, in lines 24, 26, and 28, strike “(1)”, “(I)”, and “(II)”, respectively; in lines 26, 28, 33, and 34, in each instance, strike the brackets; strike in their entirety lines 30 through 32, inclusive; in line 33, strike “A”; and strike beginning with “THAT” in line 35 down through “SECTION” in line 37.

On page 6, in line 14, strike “continuing education”; strike beginning with “on” in line 16 down through “system” in line 17 and substitute “that satisfies the requirements of § 11-404.1(b)(1)(iv) of the Health Occupations Article as enacted by this Act and qualifies as a continuing education course”; in line 20, strike “11-404.1” and substitute “11-404.1(b)(1)(iv)”; strike beginning with “the” in line 22 down through “date” in line 26 and substitute “, by November 30, 2005, the State Board of Examiners in Optometry, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the State Board of Physicians, shall adopt a collaborative practice protocol for the administration and prescription of topical steroids by therapeutically certified optometrists under § 11-404.2 of the Health Occupations Article as enacted by this Act.”

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of Examiners in Optometry and the State Board of Physicians shall each report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee by June 1, 2008, on issues related to the practice of optometry under this Act. Each report shall suggest changes to §§ 11-404.1 and 11-404.2 of the Health Occupations Article to improve the quality of and access to care or to enhance the scope of practice of optometry in the State”;

and in line 27, strike “5.” and substitute “6.”.