

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 719

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and F. Turner” and substitute “F. Turner, Goldwater, Hurson, Hammen, Boutin, Bromwell, Kach, Kullen, McDonough, and Pendergrass”; 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”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 10 down through “optometrists;” in line 12 and substitute “requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations 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 13, strike “A 24-HOUR” and substitute “AN 8-HOUR”; and strike beginning with “PHARMACEUTICAL” in line 14 down through “BRUSH” in line 15 and substitute “STERIODS”.

On page 3, strike line 1 in its entirety; in lines 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 14, in each instance, strike the brackets; in lines 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 15, strike “(III)”, “(IV)”, “(V)”, “(VI)”, “(VII)”, “(VIII)”, “(IX)”, “(X)”, and “(VIII)”, respectively; in line 5, strike the first opening bracket; in the same line, strike the first closing bracket; in lines 13 and 21, in each instance, strike “If” and substitute “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF”; after line 25, insert:

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

(Over)

in line 26, strike “(4)” and substitute “(5)”; in line 28, strike the bracket; in lines 28 and 29, strike “Steroids; (ii)”; in line 30, strike “(iii)] (I)” and substitute “(II)”; and in lines 31 and 32, strike “(II)” and “(III)”, respectively, and substitute “(III)” and “(IV)”, respectively.

On page 4, in line 1, strike “(5)” and substitute “(6)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, in lines 26, 28, and 30, strike “(1)”, “(I)”, and “(II)”, respectively; in lines 28, 30, 35, and 36, in each instance, strike the brackets; strike in their entirety lines 32 through 34, inclusive; and in line 35, strike “A”.

On page 6, strike beginning with “THAT” in line 1 down through “SECTION” in line 3.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 6, in line 17, strike “continuing education”; strike beginning with “on” in line 19 down through “system” in line 20 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 23, strike “11-404.1” and substitute “11-404.1(b)(1)(iv)”; strike beginning with “the” in line 25 down through “date” in line 29 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 regulations establishing 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 improve the quality of and access to care or to enhance the scope of practice of optometry in the State”;

and in line 30, strike “5.” and substitute “6.”.