

## Session 116 - (2005-2006)

**H 3249 General Bill, By White, Walker, Davenport and Mahaffey**

***Similar (S 0268)***

**Summary:** Licensure and regulation of Optometrists

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 37, TITLE 40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF OPTOMETRISTS, SO AS TO CONFORM THIS CHAPTER TO THE STATUTORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK ESTABLISHED FOR PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL BOARDS IN CHAPTER 1, TITLE 40, UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION; AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF OPTOMETRISTS, AND AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO PROVIDE THAT A BACHELOR OF ARTS OR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IS REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE, TO ESTABLISH LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2008, ALL LICENSED OPTOMETRISTS MUST BE LICENSED AS THERAPEUTICALLY-CERTIFIED OPTOMETRISTS, AND TO PROVIDE TRANSITION PROVISIONS.

01/11/05	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-144
01/11/05	House	Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs HJ-144
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01/19/05	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Davenport
02/09/05	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Mahaffey
03/02/05	House	Committee report: Favorable Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs HJ-1
03/03/05	House	Read second time HJ-26
03/03/05	House	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day HJ-28
03/04/05	House	Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-1
03/08/05	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-11
03/08/05	Senate	Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs SJ-11