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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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Bill Number: H. 3443  
 Author: Long  
 Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs  
 Date: February 3, 2015  
 Subject: Prescriptive authority for optometrists  
 RFA Analyst(s): Stein

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2015-16</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Local Revenue</b>	N/A	N/A

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

House Bill 3443 amends Section 40-37-290 relating to the prescriptive authority of optometrists. The bill authorizes optometrists to continue to prescribe hydrocodone, which they had not been allowed to prescribe after the medication was reclassified from Schedule III to Schedule II in October, 2014.

The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation reports that this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A

  
 Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director