

## Session 110 - (1993-1994)

**S 0214 General Bill, By Bryan, Courtney, Ford, Glover, Holland, Jackson, Land, Lander, Martin, Matthews, T.W. Mitchell, Patterson, Peeler, Rankin, Reese, L.E. Richter, M.T. Rose, Russell, Ryberg, G. Smith, H.S. Stilwell, Thomas, Waldrep and Washington**

***Similar (H 3137)***

A Bill to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 40-37-106 so as to provide that an optometrist may supply pharmaceutical agents to patients to initiate proper treatment; to amend Section 40-37-20, relating to the authority and duties of the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Optometry, so as to include in their licensing authority, certification for purchasing, prescribing, and dispensing pharmaceutical agents; to amend Section 40-37-105, relating to application of pharmaceutical agents by optometrists, so as to provide for their use in diagnosis and treatment; to amend Section 40-37-107, relating to referrals of patients by optometrists to physicians, so as to allow referrals to any health care provider and to define "health care provider"; to amend Section 40-43-150, as amended, relating to who may prescribe drugs, so as to include optometrists; to amend Section 40-43-155, as amended, relating to pharmacists selling pharmaceutical agents to optometrists, so as to provide that they may be sold to optometrists who are certified to prescribe and dispense these agents for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes; and to amend Section 40-43-360, as amended, relating to definitions in the Pharmacy Act, so as to include optometrists as a "practitioner" for the purpose of defining who may prescribe drugs.

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