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**S 0325 General Bill, By Alexander, Peeler, Holland, Land, Patterson, Jackson, Pinckney, Grooms, Ford, Branton, Hawkins, Reese, Glover, Martin, Anderson, Matthews, Saleeby, Ravenel, Wilson, Thomas, Mescher and Passailaigue**  
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**Summary:** Optometrists may prescribe pharmaceutical agents for certain diagnosis and eye disease treatment, Optometry, Pharmacies

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-37-10 CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CONDUCT DEEMED TO BE ENGAGING IN THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS ADMINISTERING AND PRESCRIBING PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF EYE DISEASE; TO AMEND SECTION 40-37-105, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE USE OF PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS BY OPTOMETRISTS, SO AS TO DELETE PROVISIONS CONCERNING SPECIFIC MEDICATIONS, PROVISIONS REGARDING PATIENT CHART DOCUMENTATION, AND PROVISIONS RELATING TO PROCEDURES FOR MAKING REFERRALS WHEN PRESCRIBING TOPICAL STEROIDS AND WHEN TREATING GLAUCOMA AND TO AUTHORIZE INJECTIONS FOR THE TREATMENT OF ANAPHYLAXIS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-37-107, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PROCEDURES FOR CARE GENERALLY, AND IN TREATING GLAUCOMA, TO REFERRAL OF PATIENTS TO OTHER OPTOMETRISTS AND TO OPHTHALMOLOGISTS WHEN TREATING GLAUCOMA, AND TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST PERFORMING SURGERY, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING PROCEDURES FOR CARE AND REFERRAL OF PATIENTS AND TO MAINTAIN THE PROHIBITION AGAINST PERFORMING SURGERY.

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