

Session 123 - (2019-2020)

H 4661 General Bill, By Bradley, Clyburn and Hosey

Summary: Optometry, Board of Examiners

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40-37-35 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY TO ISSUE RESTRICTED SPECIAL VOLUNTEER LICENSES TO OPTOMETRISTS WHO ARE NOT LICENSED IN THIS STATE BUT WERE PREVIOUSLY LICENSED IN ANOTHER STATE AND SATISFY CERTAIN CRITERIA, TO PROVIDE THESE LICENSES ONLY MAY BE USED TO PROVIDE FREE OPTOMETRIC SERVICES IN CERTAIN CLINICS TO PATIENTS WHO HAVE NO INSURANCE OR ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DURATION AND RENEWAL OF THESE LICENSES, AND TO PROVIDE OPTOMETRISTS WHO HOLD THESE LICENSES ARE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF LAW APPLICABLE TO OPTOMETRISTS LICENSED BY THE BOARD; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-79-30 AND SECTION 40-30-310, RELATING TO IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY CERTAIN VOLUNTEER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, BOTH SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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