

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
2 81st General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1997

A Bill

ACT 437 OF 1997
SENATE BILL 492

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5 By: Senator Bearden

For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED §§ 17-92-101 AND
10 17-92-109 TO AUTHORIZE PHARMACISTS TO FILL OPTOMETRISTS
11 PRESCRIPTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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14 "TO AUTHORIZE PHARMACISTS TO FILL
15 OPTOMETRISTS PRESCRIPTIONS"

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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 17-92-101(12), which defines the
20 term "optometrist" for use in the pharmacy practices act, is amended to read
21 as follows:

22 "(12) Optometrist means a practitioner of optometry duly licensed
23 under the laws of this state ~~who shall be authorized as a practitioner to~~
24 ~~prescribe by written prescription topically applied pharmaceutical agents;"~~

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26 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated § 17-92-101(13), which defines the
27 term "prescription" for use in the pharmacy practices act, is amended to read
28 as follows:

29 "(13) Prescription means an order for medicine or medicines usually
30 written as a formula by a physician, optometrist, dentist, veterinarian, or
31 other licensed medicinal practitioner. It contains the names and quantities of
32 the desired substance, with instructions to the pharmacist for its preparation
33 and to the patient for the use of the medicine at a particular time; and"

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35 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Annotated § 17-92-109 is amended to read as
36 follows:

1 "17-92-109. Prescriptions for optometrists.

2 Pharmacists duly licensed in the State of Arkansas are authorized to
3 fill prescriptions in the State of Arkansas for duly licensed optometrists
4 thereof for ~~topically applied~~ pharmaceutical agents to be possessed,
5 administered, or prescribed by the optometrists pursuant to the provisions of
6 ~~this act~~ Arkansas Code Annotated §§ 17-90-101 et seq., as amended by Acts 176
7 and 186 of 1997."

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9 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
10 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
11 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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13 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
14 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
15 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
16 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
17 act are declared to be severable.

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19 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
20 hereby repealed.

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