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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
(Richter) recommended the following:

Senate Substitute for Amendment (111242) (with title amendment)

Between lines 49 and 50
insert:

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 456.44, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

456.44 Controlled substance prescribing.—

(2) REGISTRATION.—

(a) ~~Effective January 1, 2012,~~ A physician licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 461, or chapter 466 who prescribes any controlled substance, listed in Schedule II,



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13 Schedule III, or Schedule IV as defined in s. 893.03, for the
14 treatment of chronic nonmalignant pain, must:

15 1.~~(a)~~ Designate himself or herself as a controlled
16 substance prescribing practitioner on the physician's
17 practitioner profile.

18 2.~~(b)~~ Comply with the requirements of this section and
19 applicable board rules.

20 (b) A certified optometrist licensed under chapter 463 who
21 prescribes any controlled substance listed in Schedule III or
22 Schedule IV as defined in s. 893.03, for the treatment of
23 chronic nonmalignant pain, must comply with the requirements of
24 this section and applicable board rules.

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26 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

27 And the title is amended as follows:

28 Delete line 2

29 and insert:

30 An act relating to the practice of optometry; amending
31 s. 456.44, F.S.; requiring a certified optometrist who
32 prescribes a controlled substance for a specified
33 purpose to meet certain requirements; amending