

Senate Bill 317

By: Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 physicians, assistants, and others, so as to authorize physicians to delegate to advanced
3 practice registered nurses and physician assistants the authority to dispense prepackaged
4 medications other than controlled substances as an agent or employee of a clinic; to provide
5 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians,
9 assistants, and others, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-34-25,
10 relating to delegation of certain medical acts to advanced practice registered nurse,
11 construction and limitations of such delegation, definitions, conditions of nurse protocol, and
12 issuance of prescription drug orders, to read as follows:

13 "(e.2) An advanced practice registered nurse may be authorized under a nurse protocol
14 agreement to dispense prepackaged medications, other than controlled substances, if such
15 advanced practice registered nurse dispenses such medications as an agent or employee of
16 a clinic."

17

SECTION 2.

18 Said chapter is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-34-103,
19 relating to delegation of authority to physician assistants, to read as follows:

20 "(e.3) Notwithstanding subsection (e) of this Code section, a physician assistant may be
21 authorized under a job description to dispense prepackaged medications, other than
22 controlled substances, if such physician assistant dispenses such medications as an agent
23 or employee of a clinic."

24

SECTION 3.

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.