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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Policy (Galvano) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (606544) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 164 and 165
5 insert:

6 Section 7. Section 463.0137, Florida Statutes, is created
7 to read:

8 463.0137 Reports of adverse incidents in the practice of
9 optometry.—

10 (1) Any adverse incident that occurs in the practice of
11 optometry must be reported to the department in accordance with
12 this section.



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13 (2) The required notification to the department must be
14 submitted in writing by certified mail and postmarked within 15
15 days after the occurrence of the adverse incident.

16 (3) The term "adverse incident," as used in this section,
17 means an event that is associated in whole or in part with the
18 prescribing of an oral ocular pharmaceutical agent and that
19 results in one of the following:

20 (a) Any condition that requires the transfer of a patient
21 to a hospital licensed under chapter 395;

22 (b) Any condition that requires the patient to obtain care
23 from a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459,
24 other than a referral or a consultation required under this
25 chapter;

26 (c) Permanent physical injury to the patient;

27 (d) Partial or complete permanent loss of sight by the
28 patient; or

29 (e) Death of the patient.

30 (4) The department shall review each incident and determine
31 whether it potentially involved conduct by the licensed
32 practitioner which may be subject to disciplinary action, in
33 which case s. 456.073 applies. Disciplinary action, if any,
34 shall be taken by the board.

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

37 And the title is amended as follows:

38 Delete line 280

39 and insert:

40 certain eye examinations; creating s. 463.0137, F.S.,
41 requiring certified optometrists to report to the



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42 Department of Health any adverse incident associated
43 with an oral ocular pharmaceutical agent prescribed by
44 that certified optometrist to the patient; defining
45 adverse incident; requiring the department to review
46 adverse incident reports, determine whether conduct of
47 the prescribing optometrist is the subject of
48 disciplinary action, and take disciplinary action if
49 it was; amending s. 463.014, F.S.;