



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: Senate Bill 153 permits a doctor of optometry to administer pharmaceutical agents by injection if he or she holds a current license or certificate showing successful completion of an injectables training program or is currently enrolled in such a course and supervised by a certified ophthalmologist; and

WHEREAS: Such an injectables training program must be sponsored by an appropriately credentialed school or college and approved by the board of optometry; and

WHEREAS: Senate Bill 153 was intended to improve access to treatment and the public health of Georgians, and administration of injectables containing pharmaceutical agents is medical in nature; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Public Health is charged with safeguarding the public health of the people of this state and is empowered to employ all legal means appropriate to that end, including provision of consultant services to agencies and departments of this state in medical programs, O.C.G.A. § 31-2A-4.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That the Department of Public Health, by and through its Commissioner and State Health Officer, shall provide guidance to the board of optometry as to appropriate curriculum to be included in the injectables training required by SB 153, in order to protect the public health of the people of this state.

This 9th day of May, 2017.

Nathan Deal

Governor