

**From:** Veldran, Katherine  
**To:** Schimsa, Rebecca <RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov>  
Mottel, Haley <HaleyMottel@gov.sc.gov>  
**Date:** 4/9/2015 1:14:43 PM  
**Subject:** RE: H.3443 (Long) -- Hydrocodone bill

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**From:** Schimsa, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 09, 2015 9:16 AM  
**To:** Veldran, Katherine; Mottel, Haley  
**Subject:** RE: H.3443 (Long) -- Hydrocodone bill

Please let me know when you have time to meet on this today. I am available all day except from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

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**From:** Schimsa, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Friday, April 03, 2015 10:15 AM  
**To:** Veldran, Katherine; Mottel, Haley  
**Cc:** Patel, Swati ([swatipatel@gov.sc.gov](mailto:swatipatel@gov.sc.gov))  
**Subject:** RE: H.3443 (Long) -- Hydrocodone bill

Katherine and Haley – Swati and I made some edits to the draft, so attached is our final version. Before Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, may we schedule a call or a meeting with Senator Cleary? Let me know when you think is best. Thank you.

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**From:** Schimsa, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 12:17 PM  
**To:** Veldran, Katherine; Packard, Clark; Mottel, Haley; Baker, Josh; Patel, Swati; Burns, James  
**Subject:** RE: H.3443 (Long) -- Hydrocodone bill

Draft Amendment – See attached.

Talking Points (rationale):

Stakeholders from the medical community (Governor's Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Council) would like to amend the bill to limit prescriptive authority just to hydrocodone, not to all Schedule II controlled substances.

If the intent of the bill is to allow the specific drug (hydrocodone) to be prescribed, then the specific drug should be named. As written, this bill does more than that.

Written as is, the bill would open up the entire class of Schedule II drugs by statute, not just by regulation. It is unknown what other highly abused medications may be reclassified as a Schedule II drugs in the future.

Prescription drug abuse is a serious issue in South Carolina, and the authority to prescribe these types of highly addictive controlled substances should be narrowly limited.

Limiting prescriptive authority to hydrocodone by name will allow the current practice of optometry to continue without interference and will safeguard the public from potential abuses.

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**From:** Schimsa, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 3:53 PM  
**To:** Veldran, Katherine; Packard, Clark; Mottel, Haley; Baker, Josh; Patel, Swati; Burns, James  
**Subject:** RE: H.3443 (Long) -- Hydrocodone bill

I have circulated a draft amendment to our PDAP Council stakeholders. We have a call at 5:00 p.m. today, and afterwards, I will be prepared with (1) an amendment; and (2) an explanation / talking points for the amendment.

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**From:** Veldran, Katherine  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 3:08 PM

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**To:** Packard, Clark; Mottel, Haley; Schimsa, Rebecca; Baker, Josh; Patel, Swati; Burns, James  
**Subject:** RE: H.3443 (Long) -- Hydrocodone bill

Was some someone supposed to object?

Are we prepared with an amendment? We're we prepared to amend in committee?

We need the amendment and explanation to meet with Senators.

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**From:** Packard, Clark

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 2:55 PM

**To:** Mottel, Haley; Veldran, Katherine; Schimsa, Rebecca; Baker, Josh; Patel, Swati; Burns, James

**Subject:** H.3443 (Long) -- Hydrocodone bill

Sen. Cleary just asked unanimous consent to recall H.3443 the hydrocodone bill from Medical Affairs and no one objected. It will have to be published in the calendar for 24 hours, so the earliest it could come up would be Wednesday, April 15. We're going to need to get it amended on the floor.

Thanks,  
Clark