

SENATE FILE NO. SF0154

Podiatry practice-amendments.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Massie and Scott

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to podiatrists; amending the definition of
2 podiatry as specified; requiring service of a residency
3 before licensing of podiatrists; requiring continuing
4 education; amending definitions; and providing for an
5 effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 33-9-101(a)(i), 33-9-104, 33-9-107,
10 33-9-110(a)(vi), by creating a new paragraph (vii) and
11 33-9-114(d) are amended to read:

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13 **33-9-101. Definitions.**

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15 (a) ~~Unless the context requires otherwise~~ As used in
16 this act ~~the following definitions shall prevail:~~

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1 (i) "Podiatry" means the diagnosis or the
2 medical, mechanical or surgical treatment of the ailments
3 of the human foot, ankle and tendons that insert into the
4 foot. It includes the fitting or the recommending of
5 appliances, devices or shoes for the correction or relief
6 of minor foot ailments. ~~, but does not include the~~
7 ~~amputation of the foot or toes, or the administration of~~
8 ~~anesthetics other than local.~~ The practice of podiatric
9 medicine shall include the amputation of the toes or other
10 parts of the foot but shall not include the amputation of
11 the foot or leg in its entirety. A podiatrist may not
12 administer any anesthetic other than local. A general
13 anesthesia shall be administered in a hospital by an
14 anesthesiologist or certified nurse anesthetist authorized
15 under the laws of this state to administer anesthesia.
16 Podiatrists are permitted to use and to prescribe drugs and
17 controlled substances as may be necessary in the practice
18 of podiatry. The word "podiatry" for the purposes of this
19 act is synonymous in meaning to the word "chiropody".

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21 **33-9-104. Applications for licenses.**

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23 Persons who wish to practice podiatry in this state shall
24 make application on a form authorized and furnished by the

1 board for a license to practice podiatry. This application
2 shall be granted to an applicant after he has furnished
3 satisfactory proof that he has satisfactorily completed two
4 (2) years in a recognized college of liberal arts or of the
5 sciences, and that he is a graduate of a regularly
6 established school of podiatry recognized by the American
7 ~~podiatry~~ Podiatric Medical Association or its successor and
8 the board which requires as a prerequisite to graduation
9 the completion of at least three thousand three hundred
10 sixty (3,360) scholastic hours of classroom work. A school
11 of podiatry shall not be accredited by the board if it does
12 not require for graduation at least four (4) years of
13 instruction in the study of podiatry. Every applicant for a
14 license to practice podiatry shall have successfully
15 completed a residency approved by the board through rules
16 and regulations. This requirement applies only to
17 applicants who graduate from podiatric college after July
18 1, 2005. After the application has been accepted by the
19 board, together with the payment of the license fee, the
20 applicant must pass a satisfactory examination as prepared
21 under the rules and regulations of the board.

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23 **33-9-107. Licensing matters.**

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1 A license issued under W.S. 33-9-101 through 33-9-114 shall
2 be designated a "registered podiatrist's license" and may
3 not contain any abbreviations thereof nor any other
4 designation or title except that a statement of limitation
5 shall be contained in the license referring to the licensee
6 as a "registered podiatrist - practice limited to the foot
7 and ankle", so as not to mislead the public with respect to
8 their right to treat other portions of the body. A renewal
9 license fee in an amount established by the board pursuant
10 to W.S. 33-1-201 shall be due to the board annually on July
11 1 each year, and if not paid within three (3) months the
12 license shall be revoked and may be reissued only upon an
13 additional application and payment of a fee in an amount
14 established by the board pursuant to W.S. 33-1-201.
15 Application for renewal shall be accompanied by evidence
16 satisfactory to the board of compliance with participation
17 in continuing education activities as established by rules
18 and regulations of the board. The board may waive the
19 continuing education requirement for the first renewal of a
20 license. Licenses shall be conspicuously displayed by
21 podiatrists at their offices or other places of practice.
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23 **33-9-110. Revocation of license.**
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1 (a) After notice and opportunity for hearing under
2 the terms of the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act, the
3 board may revoke or refuse to renew a license granted under
4 this act to any person otherwise qualified who is guilty of
5 any of the following violations:

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7 (vi) Selling or giving away alcohol or
8 controlled substances for illegal purposes, but the board
9 may reissue a license after six (6) months if in its
10 judgment the act, acts or conditions of disqualification
11 have been remedied; ~~;~~

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13 (vii) Failure to furnish evidence showing the
14 satisfaction of the requirements of continuing education
15 required by the board.

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17 **33-9-114. Education and training standards for**
18 **unlicensed podiatric personnel exposing ionizing radiation;**
19 **mandatory machine inspections; exemptions.**

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21 (d) Any licensed podiatrist using an x-ray machine
22 shall have that machine inspected by a qualified radiation
23 expert ~~at least annually~~ periodically as determined by the
24 board.

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2 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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