

3 Senate Bill No. 928

4 SENATE BILL NO. 928 - By: HERBERT of the Senate and COX of the
5 House.

6 An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59
7 O.S. 2001, Section 144, which relates to the Podiatric
8 Medicine Practice Act; clarifying language; making language
9 gender neutral; clarifying requirements for licensure;
10 increasing criteria for passage of examination; modifying
11 licensure requirements regarding surgical residency;
12 deleting certain subject areas from examination and
13 including others; deleting certain reinstatement, renewal
14 and licensing provisions; and providing an effective date.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2001, Section 144, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 144. A. ~~Unless and until the amounts are increased by~~
19 ~~the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners, the~~ The fee for
20 examination for a license to practice podiatric medicine in this
21 state shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). ~~From time to time the~~
22 The Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners may increase this fee, ~~but~~
23 ~~not~~ by not more than an additional Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).
24 The examination for such license shall be given by the Board; ~~and~~
25 ~~while it.~~ The Board may give the examination at any special
26 meeting, ~~it~~ but shall not be required ~~se~~ to do so.

27 B. To be entitled to take the examination, a person shall:

- 1 1. File a written application ~~therefor as required~~ on a form
- 2 prescribed by the Board;
- 3 2. Pay to the secretary-treasurer of the Board in advance the
- 4 fee for examination;
- 5 3. Satisfy the Board that ~~he~~ the person is loyal to the United
- 6 States of America;
- 7 4. Be more than twenty-one (21) years of age;
- 8 5. Be of good moral character;
- 9 6. Not have been finally convicted of any crime involving moral
- 10 turpitude or of any felony;
- 11 7. Be free from contagious or infectious disease;
- 12 8. Be a graduate of an accredited college of podiatric
- 13 medicine; and
- 14 9. Have complied with ~~those rules of the Board applicable to~~
- 15 ~~him~~ applicable Board rules.

16 C. ~~Any person~~ An applicant satisfying the requirements of

17 subsection B of this section shall receive a license to practice

18 podiatric medicine in this state, to be issued by the Board, ~~who~~ if

19 the applicant:

- 20 1. Takes the examination administered by the Board ~~gives~~ and
- 21 receives ~~pursuant thereto a general average~~ a passing score of at
- 22 least seventy-five percent (75%) ~~and not less than sixty-five~~
- 23 ~~percent (65%) in each subject upon which examined~~ on both the

1 written and oral portions. An applicant receiving less than a score
2 of seventy-five percent (75%) on either the written or oral portion
3 of the examination shall be deemed to have failed the entire
4 examination;

5 2. ~~Observes the practice of podiatric medicine in this state~~
6 ~~and actively assists therewith, as an intern, preceptee or resident,~~
7 ~~for such time and in such manner as the rules of the Board may~~
8 ~~require;~~

9 3. ~~First satisfies the Board that he has so observed and~~
10 ~~assisted, as an intern, preceptee or resident~~ Satisfactorily
11 completes a podiatric surgical residency, approved by the Council of
12 Podiatric Medical Education of the American Podiatric Medical
13 Association, of not less than three hundred sixty-five (365) days;
14 and

15 4. 3. Satisfies the Board that ~~he~~ the applicant has not
16 violated any of the provisions of the Podiatric Medicine Practice
17 Act or any of the rules of the Board.

18 D. The examination administered by the Board shall ~~be~~ include
19 both a written, and an oral, and clinical and portion, shall be
20 administered in the English language. ~~It, and~~ shall ~~be in the~~
21 ~~following subjects:~~ cover areas in anatomy, histology, physiology,
22 ~~diagnosis and treatment, bacteriology, pathology, podiatric medicine~~
23 and surgery, dermatology, chemistry, hygiene, materia medica,

1 ~~therapeutics, clinical and orthopedic podiatric medicine,~~
2 ~~anesthetics, asepsis, pharmacology, biomechanics, anesthesia,~~
3 ~~radiology, Oklahoma law relating to podiatric medicine, and such~~
4 ~~other subjects as the Board from time to time determines necessary~~
5 ~~and appropriate. The Board may authorize examination papers to be~~
6 ~~graded by one or more of its own members or by any one or more~~
7 ~~licensed podiatric physicians ~~it selects~~ selected by the Board.~~
8 Each license issued by the Board shall be signed by each member of
9 the Board, bear the seal of the Board, and designate the licensee as
10 a licensed podiatric physician. ~~Licenses heretofore issued by the~~
11 ~~Board are not in need of reinstatement, and as to heretofore issued~~
12 ~~licenses, these only shall remain effective and be subject to the~~
13 ~~applicable laws, but to continue effective hereafter they must be~~
14 ~~renewed annually or reinstated as provided by the applicable laws.~~
15 ~~The observation and assistance of one passing the examination need~~
16 ~~not be in all things which a licensed podiatric physician may~~
17 ~~lawfully do under his license. One who does not so satisfy the~~
18 ~~Board, within twenty-four (24) months after taking and passing the~~
19 ~~examination, that he has so observed and assisted, as an intern,~~
20 ~~preceptee or resident, and also that he has complied with those of~~
21 ~~the rules of the Board applicable to him, shall not be entitled so~~
22 ~~to do thereafter without taking again the examination.~~

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2002.

1 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES, dated 2-14-02 -
2 DO PASS, As Coauthored.