

OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE  
STANDING  
COMMITTEE REPORT

April 3, 2008

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

HB 2763

By: Cox of the House and Ford of the Senate

Title: Professions and occupations; authorizing Executive Director of the State Board of Medical Licensure to commission certain employees as peace officers; Oklahoma Licensed Pedorthists Act; modifying licensure requirements. Effective date. Emergency.

Co-Authored By:

Recommendation: **DO PASS AS AMENDED**

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Senator Andrew Rice, Co-Chair

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Senator Todd Lamb, Co-Chair

Amendments:

1. Page 1, line 22, through page 3, line 13 by deleting all language and inserting:

“SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2001, Section 144, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 118, O.S.L. 2002 (59 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 144), is amended to read as follows:

Section 144. A. The fee for examination for a license to practice podiatric medicine in this state shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). The Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners may increase this fee by not more than an additional Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). The examination for such license shall be given by the Board. The Board may give the examination at any special meeting, but shall not be required to do so.

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

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

C. An applicant satisfying the requirements of subsection B of this section shall receive a license to practice podiatric medicine in this state, to be issued by the Board, if the applicant:

1. Takes the examination administered by the Board and receives a passing score of at least seventy-five percent (75%) on both the written and oral portions. An applicant receiving less than a score of seventy-five percent (75%) on either the written or oral portion of the examination shall be deemed to have failed the entire examination;

2. Satisfactorily completes a podiatric surgical residency, approved by the Council of Podiatric Medical Education of the American Podiatric Medical Association, of not less than three hundred sixty-five (365) days; and

3. Satisfies the Board that the applicant has not violated any of the provisions of the Podiatric Medicine Practice Act or any of the rules of the Board.

D. The examination administered by the Board shall include both a written and an oral portion, shall be administered in the English language, and shall cover areas in anatomy, pathology, podiatric medicine and surgery, dermatology, pharmacology, biomechanics, anesthesia, radiology, Oklahoma law relating to podiatric medicine, and such other subjects as the Board from time to time determines necessary and appropriate. The Board may authorize examination papers to be graded by one or more of its own members or by any one or more licensed podiatric physicians selected by the Board. Each license issued by the Board shall be signed by each member of the Board, bear the seal of the Board, and designate the licensee as a licensed podiatric physician.

E. The Board may issue a temporary license if the applicant:

1. Has met the requirements of subsection B of this section;
2. Takes the examination administered by the Board and receives a passing score of at least seventy-five percent (75%) on both the written and oral portions. An applicant receiving less than a score of seventy-five percent (75%) on either the written or oral portion of the examination shall be deemed to have failed the entire examination;
3. Is within ninety (90) days of completing a podiatric surgical residency, approved by the Council of Podiatric Medical Education of the American Podiatric Medical Association, of not less than three hundred sixty-five (365) days; and
4. Satisfies the Board that the applicant has not violated any of the provisions of the Podiatric Medicine Practice Act or any of the rules of the Board.”

2. By striking the title and inserting:

“(Public health and safety – Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act – travel expenses and reimbursement for employees of city-county health department – Oklahoma Licensed Podiatrists – codification – emergency)”