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Committee Bill No. 544

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Public
2 Health shall establish an ad hoc committee for the purpose of assisting
3 the commissioner in examining and evaluating the definition of
4 "podiatric medicine" in section 20-50 of the general statutes. The
5 committee shall hold its first meeting not later than July 15, 2005. The
6 committee shall focus on examining and evaluating possible statutory
7 changes that would revise the definition of "podiatric medicine" to
8 include the diagnosis and treatment of ailments of the ankle. Other
9 topics may be included at the discretion of the commissioner.

10 (b) (1) The ad hoc committee shall be appointed by the
11 commissioner and shall consist of (A) two members of the Department
12 of Public Health, (B) three podiatrists recommended by the
13 Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association, one of whom works in
14 private practice, one of whom works in a public practice and one of
15 whom is an educator, (C) three orthopedists recommended by the
16 Connecticut Orthopedic Society, one of whom works in private
17 practice, one of whom works in a public practice and one of whom is

18 an educator, and (D) a representative from an accredited school or
19 college of chiropody or podiatry approved by the Board of Examiners
20 in Podiatry with the consent of the Commissioner of Public Health.
21 The Commissioners of Public Health and Social Services, or their
22 designees, shall be ex-officio members with full voting rights.

23 (2) The Commissioner of Public Health may expand the
24 membership of the ad hoc committee to include representatives from
25 related fields if the commissioner decides such expansion would be
26 useful.

27 (c) On or before December 1, 2005, the Commissioner of Public
28 Health shall submit, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
29 statutes, the results of the examination, with specific recommendations
30 for statutory changes, to the Governor and the joint standing
31 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
32 relating to public health.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To study the possibility of revising the definition of "podiatric medicine" to include the diagnosis and treatment of ailments of the ankle.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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