



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 544

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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 (1) revise the definition of "podiatric medicine" to
8 include the diagnosis and treatment of ailments of the ankle, and (2)
9 improve access to podiatric care. Other topics may be included at the
10 discretion of the commissioner.

11 (b) (1) The ad hoc committee shall consist of (A) the chairpersons
12 and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General
13 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, or
14 their designees, and (B) nine members appointed by the commissioner
15 (i) two of whom shall be employees of the Department of Public
16 Health, (ii) three of whom shall be podiatrists recommended by the
17 Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association, one who works in private
18 practice, one who works in the public sector and one who is an
19 educator, (iii) three of whom shall be orthopedists, two who shall be
20 recommended by the Connecticut Orthopedic Society and one who

21 shall be recommended by the Connecticut Medical Society, and (iv) a
22 representative from an accredited school or college of chiropody or
23 podiatry approved by the Board of Examiners in Podiatry with the
24 consent of the Commissioner of Public Health. The Commissioners of
25 Public Health and Social Services, or their designees, shall be ex-officio
26 members with full voting rights.

27 (2) The Commissioner of Public Health may expand the
28 membership of the ad hoc committee to include representatives from
29 related fields if the commissioner decides such expansion would be
30 useful.

31 (c) On or before February 1, 2006, the Commissioner of Public
32 Health shall submit, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
33 statutes, the results of the examination, with specific recommendations
34 for any necessary statutory changes, to the Governor and the joint
35 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
36 matters 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 Legislative Commissioners:

In subsection (b), the composition of the ad hoc committee was rewritten to clarify that the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, or their designees, will be members of the ad hoc committee without appointment by the commissioner and to ensure cleanness and conciseness in the phraseology.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*