



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 651

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AN ACT CONCERNING PODIATRIC MEDICINE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-54 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

3 (a) No person other than those described in section 20-57 and those
4 to whom a license has been reissued as provided by section 20-59 shall
5 engage in the practice of podiatry in this state until [he] such person
6 has presented to the department satisfactory evidence that [he] such
7 person has had a high school education or its equivalent, has received
8 a diploma or other certificate of graduation from an accredited school
9 or college of chiropody or podiatry approved by the Board of
10 Examiners in Podiatry with the consent of the Commissioner of Public
11 Health nor shall any person so practice until [he] such person has
12 obtained a license from the Department of Public Health after meeting
13 the requirements of this chapter. A graduate of an approved school of
14 chiropody or podiatry subsequent to July 1, 1947, shall present
15 satisfactory evidence that he or she has been a resident student
16 through not less than four graded courses of not less than thirty-two
17 weeks each in such approved school and has received the degree of
18 D.S.C., Doctor of Surgical Chiropody, or Pod. D., Doctor of Podiatry,
19 or other equivalent degree; and, if a graduate of an approved
20 chiropody or podiatry school subsequent to July 1, 1951, that he or she

21 has completed, before beginning the study of podiatry, a course of
22 study of an academic year of not less than thirty-two weeks' duration
23 in a college or scientific school approved by said board with the
24 consent of the Commissioner of Public Health, which course included
25 the study of chemistry and physics or biology; and if a graduate of an
26 approved college of podiatry or podiatric medicine subsequent to July
27 1, 1971, that he or she has completed a course of study of two such
28 prepodiatry college years, including the study of chemistry, physics or
29 mathematics and biology, and that he received the degree of D.P.M.,
30 Doctor of Podiatric Medicine. No provision of this section shall be
31 construed to prevent graduates of a podiatric college, approved by the
32 Board of Examiners in Podiatry with the consent of the Commissioner
33 of Public Health, from receiving practical training in podiatry in a
34 residency program in an accredited hospital facility which program is
35 accredited by the Council on Podiatric Education.

36 (b) A licensed podiatrist who is board qualified or certified by the
37 American Board of Podiatric Surgery or the American Board of
38 Podiatric Orthopedics and Primary Podiatric Medicine may engage in
39 the diagnosis and treatment, including medical and nonsurgical
40 treatment of the ankle and the anatomical structures of the ankle as
41 well as the administration and prescription of drugs incidental thereto,
42 and the treatment of local manifestations of systemic diseases as they
43 appear on the ankle. Such diagnosis and treatment shall not include
44 any procedure beyond the initial diagnosis and treatment of a tibial
45 pilon fracture or displaced malleolar fracture. For purposes of this
46 subsection, "ankle" includes the distal metaphysic and epiphysis of the
47 tibia and fibula, the articular cartilage of the distal tibia and distal
48 fibula, the ligaments that connect the distal metaphysic and epiphysis
49 of the tibia and fibula and the talus, and the portions of skin,
50 subcutaneous tissue, fascia, muscles, tendons and nerves at or below
51 the level of the myotendinous junction of the triceps surae.

52 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Public Health
53 shall convene a panel comprised of the commissioner or the
54 commissioner's designee, a qualified mediator selected and retained by

55 the commissioner and two representatives each from the Connecticut
56 Podiatric Medical Association and the Connecticut Orthopedic Society,
57 to develop a protocol and recommendations for permitting qualified
58 practitioners of podiatric medicine, as described in subsection (b) of
59 section 20-54 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, to perform
60 surgery on the ankle, as defined in said subsection (b) of section 20-54
61 of the general statutes. The mediator shall direct and advise the panel
62 in its deliberations. The commissioner shall report the panel's findings
63 and recommendations on or before January 1, 2007, to the joint
64 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
65 matters relating to public health, in accordance with section 11-4a of
66 the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	20-54
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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