
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 306

AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF PODIATRISTS TO PERFORM STANDARD ANKLE SURGICAL PROCEDURES.

SUMMARY

By law, a licensed podiatrist cannot independently engage in ankle surgery unless he or she meets specified qualifications and receives a separate permit from the Department of Public Health (DPH).

Current law requires the DPH commissioner to appoint a four-member advisory committee, consisting of two podiatrists and two orthopedic surgeons, to assist in evaluating permit applicants. This bill disbands the advisory committee and instead requires the state Board of Examiners in Podiatry to assist the commissioner in evaluating permit applicants.

The bill correspondingly requires the commissioner to seek the advice of the podiatry board, rather than the advisory committee, in identifying the number and types of procedures required to qualify a podiatrist for such a permit.

By law, the podiatry board consists of five members: three practicing podiatrists and two public members (CGS § 20-51). (One of the podiatrist positions is currently vacant.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 25 Nay 2 (03/23/2018)