



2005 SENATE BILL 591

February 13, 2006 - Introduced by Senators ROESSLER, COWLES, ERPENBACH, HANSEN and PLALE, cosponsored by Representatives HUNDERTMARK, VOS, KREUSER, OTT and SCHNEIDER. Referred to Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 448.60 (4) and 448.63 (1) (d) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 podiatric medicine.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill redefines “podiatry” or “podiatric medicine and surgery” as the branch or system of the practice of medicine and surgery that involves treating the sick and specializes in conditions affecting the foot and ankle. This definition is broader than the definition under current law, which limits podiatry or podiatric medicine and surgery to the diagnosis and treatment of the feet and the portions of the lower leg only insofar as they involved conditions of the feet.

The bill also increases, from 12 months to two years, the amount of postgraduate training in a program approved by the Podiatrists Affiliated Credentialing Board that a person must have in order to receive a credential to practice podiatry or podiatric medicine and surgery.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 448.60 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 448.60 (4) “Podiatry” or “podiatric medicine and surgery” means that branch
5 or system of the practice of medicine and surgery that involves treating the sick

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1 ~~which is limited to the diagnosis, or mechanical, medical or surgical treatment or~~
2 ~~treatment by use of drugs, of the feet, but does not include amputations other than~~
3 ~~digits of the foot or the use of a general anesthetic unless administered by or under~~
4 ~~the direction of a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery under subch. II.~~
5 ~~Diagnosis or treatment shall include no portion of the body above the feet except that~~
6 ~~diagnosis and treatment shall include the tendons and muscles of the lower leg~~
7 ~~insofar as they shall be involved in conditions of the feet and specializes in conditions~~
8 ~~affecting the foot and ankle.~~

9 **SECTION 2.** 448.63 (1) (d) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

10 448.63 (1) (d) 2. That the applicant has completed ~~12 months~~ 2 years of
11 postgraduate training in a program approved by the affiliated credentialing board.

12 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

13 (1) The treatment of section 448.63 (1) (d) 2. of the statutes first applies to an
14 application submitted on June 1, 2010.

15 (END)