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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 582

October 24, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives MURPHY, HORLACHER, THIESFELDT, KOYENGA, CONSIDINE, KREMER, E. BROOKS and SPIROS, cosponsored by Senators PETROWSKI and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Health.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 441.16 (6), 448.21 (1) (d) and 448.21 (3); and *to create* 448.62
2 (2m) of the statutes; **relating to:** delegation of the practice of podiatry.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Generally, under current law, no person may practice podiatry unless the person is licensed as a podiatrist. This bill creates an exception to this prohibition for a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse prescriber who is providing nonsurgical patient services as directed, supervised, and inspected by a podiatrist.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 441.16 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 441.16 **(6)** Nothing in this section prohibits a nurse from issuing a prescription
5 order as an act delegated by a physician, and nothing in this section prohibits an
6 advanced practice nurse certified under this section from issuing a prescription order
7 as an act delegated by a podiatrist.

8 **SECTION 2.** 448.21 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

ASSEMBLY BILL 582**SECTION 2**

1 448.21 (1) (d) The practice of podiatry within the meaning of s. 448.60 (4),
2 except pursuant to a delegation by a podiatrist under s. 448.62 (2m).

3 **SECTION 3.** 448.21 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 448.21 (3) PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY. A physician assistant may issue a
5 prescription order for a drug or device in accordance with guidelines established by
6 a supervising physician and the physician assistant and with rules promulgated by
7 the board. If any conflict exists between the guidelines and the rules, the rules shall
8 control. Nothing in this subsection prohibits a physician assistant from issuing a
9 prescription order as an act delegated by a podiatrist.

10 **SECTION 4.** 448.62 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

11 448.62 (2m) Any health care professional who is providing nonsurgical patient
12 services as directed, supervised, and inspected by a podiatrist who has the power to
13 direct, decide, and oversee the implementation of the patient services rendered. In
14 this subsection, "health care professional" means a physician assistant licensed
15 under subch. II of ch. 448 or an advanced practice nurse certified to issue prescription
16 orders under s. 441.16.

17 (END)