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2005 Senate Bill 591

Senate Amendments 1 and 2

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2005 Senate Bill 591 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 power 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.

Senate Amendment 1

Senate Amendment 1 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 which is limited to conditions affecting the foot and ankle.

Senate Amendment 2

Senate Amendment 2 specifies that “podiatry” or “podiatric medicine and surgery” does not include the use of a general anesthetic unless administered by or under the direction of a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery.

Legislative History

On February 22, 2006, the Senate Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging, and Long Term Care recommended introduction and adoption of Senate Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0; and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by a votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

On March 2, 2006, the Senate adopted Senate Amendments 1 and 2, and passed the bill, as amended, all by voice votes.

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