

Report From Agency

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
PODIATRISTS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING : REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : ON CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 06-056
PODIATRISTS AFFILIATED : (s. 227.19 (3), Stats.)
CREDENTIALING BOARD :**

I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS:

No new or revised forms are required by these rules.

III. FISCAL ESTIMATES:

The Department of Regulation and Licensing finds that this rule will have no significant fiscal impact. The department also finds that this rule has no significant fiscal effect on the private sector.

IV. STATEMENT EXPLAINING NEED:

Chapter Pod 3 sets forth the requirements for obtaining continuing education for podiatrists. Each biennium, podiatrists are required to obtain 50 hours of acceptable continuing education. Under the current rule, licensees may apply to the board for a waiver of this requirement provided they become ill, have a disability, or another similar circumstance. This proposed rule-making is intended to provide greater flexibility because it allows the board to consider postponing the continuing education requirements and to consider other circumstances besides disability or illness in making its determination.

V. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A public hearing was held on September 26, 2006. There were no appearances at the public hearing. Written comments were received from Michael B. Thompson, DPM, President, Wisconsin Society of Podiatric Medicine, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, expressing the Society's support for this rule change wherein the board will have greater flexibility to consider additional circumstances when making determinations regarding CME requirements.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

There were no recommendations suggested in the Clearinghouse Report.

VII. FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:

These rules will have no significant economic impact on small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats.