

Report From Agency

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
PODIATRY AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD**

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IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING :
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : **REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE**
PODIATRY AFFILIATED : **CR 12-047**
CREDENTIALING BOARD :
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I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

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

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS:

None.

III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA are attached.

IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:

Currently, in order to be licensed as a podiatrist in Wisconsin an applicant must have completed two years of postgraduate training in a Podiatry Affiliated Board approved program. Wis. Stat. § 448.63 (1) (d) 2. This two-year requirement means an individual must re-apply for a temporary educational license half way through their postgraduate training. This proposed rule seeks to simplify the process by changing in the duration of the temporary educational license from one year to two years.

At this time, all licensees seeking to renew their license must complete 50 hours of continuing education within two calendar years of the specified renewal date. This creates a problem for new licensees who received their license towards the end of the renewal period. The proposed rule will allow first time renewal applicants to use proof of graduation from a school of podiatric medicine to comply with the 50 requisite continuing education hours. This will alleviate the burden on new licensees whose first time renewal occurs towards the end of a renewal period.

V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD'S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Board held a public hearing on July 30, 2013. No testimony or comments were received at the public hearing.

Written comments were received from Mr. Anthony H. Driessen on behalf of the Wisconsin Society of Podiatric Medicine.

The Board summarizes the comments received by written submission as follows: The Wisconsin Society of Podiatric Medicine supports the proposed rule. The society states that the proposed rule reduces the regulatory burden on new graduates and licensees and that the proposed rule will attract new podiatry licensees.

The Board explains modifications to its rule-making proposal prompted by public comments as follows: No changes were made due to public comment.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

All of the recommendations suggested in the Clearinghouse Report have been accepted in whole.

VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:

None