

1979 Senate Bill 75

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## CHAPTER 185, Laws of 1979

AN ACT to amend 655.001 (8) and 655.21 (1) (a) of the statutes, relating to extension of state medical malpractice plan to podiatrists.

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

SECTION 1. 655.001 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

655.001 (8) "Health care provider" means a medical or osteopathic physician or podiatrist licensed under ch. 448; a nurse anesthetist licensed or registered under ch. 441; a partnership comprised of such physicians, podiatrists or nurse anesthetists; a corporation owned by such physicians, podiatrists or nurse anesthetists and operated for the purposes of providing medical services; an operational cooperative sickness care plan organized under ss. 185.981 to 185.985 which directly provides services through salaried employees in its own facility; a hospital as defined by s. 50.33 (1) (a) and (c); or a nursing home as defined by s. 50.02 (1) (a) whose operations are combined as a single entity with a hospital subject to this section, whether or not the nursing home operations are physically separate from hospital operations. It excludes any state, county or municipal employe or federal employe covered under the federal tort claims act, as amended, who is acting within the scope of employment, and any facility exempted by s. 50.39 (3) or operated by any governmental agency, but any state, county or municipal employe or facility so excluded who would otherwise be included in this definition may petition in writing to be

afforded the coverage provided by this chapter and upon filing the petition with the commissioner and paying the fee required under s. 655.27 (3) will be subject to this chapter.

SECTION 2. 655.21 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

655.21 (1) (a) For each physician and podiatrist permanently practicing in this state, \$40.

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