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CHAPTER 546

AN ACT to amend chapter 154 of the statutes, relating to changes from chiropody to podiatry.

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

Chapter 154 of the statutes is amended to read:

CHAPTER 154.

*** * * *PODIATRY.***

154.01 (1) The practice of * * * *podiatry* is the diagnosis or mechanical, *medical* or surgical treatment, or treatment by the * * * *use* of drugs,

of the feet, but does not include * * * *major surgery* or the use of * * * *a general anesthetic* * * *. *Diagnosis or treatment shall include no portion of the body above the feet except that the diagnosis and mechanical treatment shall include the tendons and muscles of the lower leg insofar as they shall be involved in the conditions of the feet.*

(2) No person shall practice * * * *podiatry*, for compensation, * * * *directly or indirectly*, or in the expectation thereof, or attempt to do so, or designate himself as a * * * *licensed podiatrist*, or use the title * * * "D.S.C.", "Dr.", or Doctor of Surgical Chiropody, or "Doctor of Podiatry", or "Doctor", or "foot doctor", or "foot specialist" or other title or letter indicating that he is a * * * *podiatrist*, or otherwise directly or indirectly represent or hold himself out as such, unless registered by the state board of medical examiners and the certificate recorded. This does not prohibit a physician and surgeon licensed under ch. 147 from treating the feet, nor a lawfully qualified nonresident * * * *podiatrist* meeting * * * *licensed podiatrists* in this state in consultation. * * * This chapter shall not apply to * * * *the construction of and commerce in footwear or sundry products related thereto, including arch supports and similar mechanical appliances.*

(3) *The terms "podiatry" and "chiropody" are synonymous; the terms "podiatrist" and "chiropodist" are synonymous; the terms "podiatric" and "chiropodal" are synonymous, wherever used in this chapter.*

154.02 The applicant shall file written application on forms provided by the board, and satisfactory proof that he is more than 21 years of age, of good moral and professional character, has preliminary education * * * equivalent to graduation from an accredited high school and * * * in addition one year in * * * *an accredited college of liberal arts or science*, and has completed in * * * *an accredited school of * * * podiatry* a course * * * in anatomy and physiology of the feet, and diagnosis of * * * *foot ailments and deformities* * * *, materia medica, * * * *chiropodal orthopedics*, bacteriology, pathology, histology, therapeutic chemistry, and minor surgery and bandaging pertaining to ailments of the feet, and the mechanical treatment of congenital or acquired deformities of the feet, pay \$25, and present himself for examination at the first meeting thereafter at which examinations are to be held. * * * No degree which entitles one to practice * * * *podiatry* in this state shall be accepted from any recognized university or college of chiropody except that of "Doctor of Surgical Chiropody" or its equivalent as a requisite before the board of medical examiners. Any school conferring the "D.S.C." degree or its equivalent must require a prerequisite of at least one year in a college of liberal arts accredited to the university of Wisconsin, plus a professional curriculum of 4 years, with at least 32 weeks and at least 30 class hours each week, with adequate clinical or hospital facilities. The fee shall not be refunded unless from sickness, or other good cause to the satisfaction of the board, the applicant was prevented from completing the examination; subsequent examinations under the application may be given in the discretion of the board without payment of additional fee.

154.03 Examination shall be both scientific and practical, and written in English, in anatomy and physiology of the feet, and diagnosis of the foot ailments and deformities which the * * * *podiatrist* is authorized to treat, materia medica, * * * *chiropodal orthopedics*, bacteriology, pathology, histology, therapeutic chemistry, and minor surgery, roentgenology, physical therapy, dermatology and bandaging pertaining to ailments of the feet, not including any amputation, and the mechanical treatment of congenital or acquired deformities of the feet, and may be supplemented by oral and clinical examination. The board shall select 3 * * * *licensed podiatrists* to conduct the examination under its supervision and shall appoint one as

president and another as secretary of the * * * *podiatry* examiners, all 3 to receive the same compensation as members of the board.

154.04 If the board * * * *finds* the applicant qualified, it shall issue a certificate of registration * * * *which* shall expire on February 1 of each year * * * . *Each registrant shall pay for such registration a fee to be fixed by the Wisconsin state board of medical examiners for each given year; which fee shall not exceed \$5 in any year * * * ; provided that those who register after January 31 of a given year shall likewise pay whatever fee has been fixed for that year. If the applicant for re-registration has been guilty of conduct that would afford a ground for revocation under s. 154.05, the board may so find and refuse to re-register such applicant.*

154.05 The certificate may be revoked as provided in s. 147.20, and for any of the causes enumerated in that section, or for failure to renew a certificate of registration before July 1 of any year, or for unprofessional conduct which term shall include employing solicitors to obtain business, obtaining fees by fraud or deceit, wilfully betraying professional secrets, employing, directly or indirectly, students or unlicensed * * * *podiatrists* to diagnose or treat human feet, advertising or holding out to successfully treat or cure all ailments of the feet or any ailment manifestly incurable, advertising of * * * *podiatry* business or treatment by appliances in which untruthful statements are made, advertising statements of a character tending to mislead the public, advertising professional superiority or the performance of * * * *podiatry* services in a superior manner, advertising definite fixed * * * *fees* when the nature of the professional service rendered must be variable, or chronic and persistent inebriety, or presenting to the board any diploma, license or certificate illegally obtained, or signed or issued unlawfully or under fraudulent representations.

154.06 (1) Any person practicing or holding himself out as practicing * * * *podiatry*, not being registered, and certificate recorded, shall be * * * *fined*, for a first offense * * * , not less than \$50 nor more than \$100, and for a subsequent offense * * * not less than \$100 nor more than \$250, or * * * *imprisoned* not less than 6 months, or both.

(2) Any person *doing any of the following*, shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$200 or imprisoned not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both * * * :

(a) Sell or barter or offer to sell or barter a diploma or document conferring or purporting to confer a * * * *podiatry* degree, or a certificate or transcript, made or purporting to be made, pursuant to the laws regulating the registration of * * * *podiatrists*.

(b) Purchase or procure by barter such a diploma, certificate or transcript, with intent that the same shall be used as evidence of the holder's qualification to practice * * * *podiatry*, or in fraud of the laws regulating such practice.

(c) With fraudulent intent, * * * *materially alter* such a diploma, certificate or transcript.

(d) Use or attempt to use such a diploma, certificate or transcript which has been purchased, fraudulently issued, counterfeited or materially altered, either as a license or color of license to practice * * * *podiatry*, or in order to procure registration as a * * * *podiatrist*.

(e) Practice * * * *podiatry* under a false or assumed name.

(f) Assume any title or append any letters to his name with intent to represent falsely that he has received a * * * *podiatry* degree or certificate of registration.

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