

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1500

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to amend and reenact sections 43-05-03, 43-05-10, 43-05-14, 43-05-15, and 43-05-16.8 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the membership of the board of podiatric medicine and licensure fees; to provide an effective date; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 43-05-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-05-03. Board of podiatric medicine - Appointment of members - Term of office - Qualifications - Vacancies - Duties - Quorum - Records. The board of podiatric medicine consists of ~~six~~ five persons appointed by the governor for a term of four years each with the terms of office so arranged that no more than two terms expire on the thirteenth day of June of any year. A member of the board may not serve for more than two successive terms. A member may not be reappointed to the board after serving two successive terms unless at least two years have elapsed since the member last served on the board. ~~Four~~ Three members of the board must hold doctor of podiatric medicine degrees and must have practiced podiatric medicine in this state for at least two years before their appointment, one member must be a doctor of medicine who holds a doctor of medicine degree and has practiced in this state for at least two years before the appointment, and one member, who is designated as a public member, must be a resident of this state, be at least twenty-one years of age, and may not be affiliated with any group or profession that provides or regulates health care in any form.

A member of the board shall qualify by taking the oath of office required of civil officers and shall hold office until a successor is appointed and qualified. The governor shall fill any vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term. The board may employ and compensate attorneys, investigative staff, clerical assistants, or others to assist in the performance of the duties of the board.

A majority of the board constitutes a quorum to transact business, make any determination, or take any action. The board shall keep a record of its proceedings and of applications for licenses. Applications and records must be preserved for at least six years beyond the disposition of the application or record or the last annual registration of the licensee, whichever is longer.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 43-05-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-05-10. Application - Examination fee. To obtain a license to practice podiatric medicine, a person shall submit an application and any other documentation required by the board to the board in the manner prescribed by the board. The applicant shall submit evidence that the applicant has the required qualifications and shall pay to the board a fee of not more than ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 43-05-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-05-14. When license issued without examination. The board may issue a license without examination to a podiatrist of another state or Canadian province if:

1. The other state or Canadian province grants like privileges to podiatrists of this state;
2. The other state or Canadian province maintains equal statutory requirements for practicing podiatric medicine;
3. The applicant pays a fee of not more than ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars as determined by the board;
4. The applicant has been engaged legally in the active practice of podiatric medicine for at least two years immediately preceding the date of application;
5. The applicant presents satisfactory evidence to the board indicating the current status of a license to practice podiatric medicine which has been issued by the proper agency in another state or Canadian province;
6. The applicant has not had a license suspended or revoked, or has not engaged in conduct warranting or which would have warranted disciplinary action against a licensee if the conduct was committed in this state or elsewhere, or has not been subjected to disciplinary action in another state or Canadian province. If an applicant does not satisfy the requirements of this subsection, the board shall refuse to issue a license unless the board determines that the public will be protected through issuance of a license with conditions or limitations considered appropriate by the board; and
7. The applicant submits with the application the following information for the five-year period before the date of filing the application:
 - a. The name and address of the applicant's professional liability insurance carrier in the other state or Canadian province; and
 - b. The number, date, and disposition of any podiatric medical malpractice settlement or award made to the plaintiff relating to the quality of podiatric medical treatment.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 43-05-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-05-15. Renewal of license - Fee - Established by board - Failure to pay - Reinstatement. Each licensed and practicing podiatrist shall pay the annual renewal license fee established by the board. The license fee may be increased in accordance with the number of years licensed and practicing in North Dakota, but may not exceed ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars. The fee must be paid on or before the renewal date established by the board. The person is entitled to an annual certificate or license upon payment of the fee. If the renewal fee is not paid within six months after the date established by the board, the license of the delinquent licensee must be revoked and may not be reissued except upon a new application and the payment of the renewal fee established by the board plus twenty-five dollars and the costs of any hearing held concerning revocation of a license for nonpayment.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 43-05-16.8 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-05-16.8. Loan for litigation expenses. Subject to approval by the emergency commission, the board may borrow funds sufficient to pay for attorney's fees and costs incurred in investigations, administrative proceedings, and litigation resulting from the board performing its duties. ~~Notwithstanding section 43-05-15, the~~ The board may establish an annual renewal license fee for each year following the issuance of a loan under this section, and the fee must be maintained until the loan is fully repaid,

including any accrued interest. ~~The amount of the annual renewal license fee assessed under this section may not exceed one thousand dollars.~~ Once the loan is paid in full, the annual renewal license fee must revert to the amount established by the board before the issuance of the loan. The notice of a proposed rule to assess the fee in this section or revert to the previous license fee may be sent by certified mail to each individual licensed by the board in lieu of the publication requirements for the notice in chapter 28-32.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act becomes effective June 13, 2003, and sections 2 through 5 of this Act apply to all applications and renewals beginning with the 2004 licensure year.

SECTION 7. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly