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HOUSE BILL 346

Short Title: Podiatry Fees/Temp. Lic.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Gray; and Bowman.

Referred to: State Government.

March 27, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE FEES CHARGED BY THE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS AND TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY PODIATRY LICENSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 90-202.5 reads as rewritten:

"§ 90-202.5. **Applicants to be examined; examination fee; ~~requirements.~~ requirements; temporary licenses.**

(a) Any person not heretofore authorized to practice podiatry in this State shall file with the Board of Podiatry Examiners an application for examination accompanied by a fee not to exceed ~~two hundred dollars (\$200.00),~~ three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00), together with proof that the applicant is of good moral character, and has obtained a preliminary education equivalent to four years of instruction in a high school and ~~two~~ three years of instruction in a college or university approved by the American Association of Colleges and Universities. ~~Such applicant before presenting himself for examination must be a graduate of a college of podiatric medicine accredited by the National Council on Education of [the] American Podiatry Association. Before taking the~~ examination, the applicant must be a graduate of a college of podiatric medicine accredited by the National Council on Education of the American Podiatry Association.

Effective January 1, 1992, every applicant, as a prerequisite for licensure under this Article, shall complete one year of clinical residency or other equivalent postgraduate clinical program approved by the North Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners and, before taking the North Carolina podiatry licensure examination, shall present evidence to the Board that he has passed the National Board Examination.

1 Any person licensed to practice podiatry on or before January 1, 1992, who is
2 actively involved in a postgraduate clinical program approved by the Board shall be
3 permitted to practice podiatry in the approved program pending its completion.

4 (b) Effective January 1, 1992, the Board may issue a temporary license to practice
5 podiatry to any applicant for licensure, for a period and under conditions established by
6 the Board, while the person resides in North Carolina and is participating in a clinical
7 residency or other equivalent postgraduate clinical program approved by the Board. A
8 temporary license is valid only while the licensee is actively participating in the
9 program and may not be extended beyond the determined length of training set by the
10 Board."

11 Sec. 2. G.S. 90-202.6(c) reads as rewritten:

12 "(c) Any applicant who fails to pass his examination shall within one year be
13 entitled to reexamination upon the payment of an amount not to exceed ~~two hundred~~
14 ~~dollars (\$200.00),~~ three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00), but not more than two
15 reexaminations shall be allowed any one applicant prior to filing a new application.
16 Should he fail to pass his third examination, he shall file a new application before he
17 can again be examined."

18 Sec. 3. G.S. 90-202.10 reads as rewritten:

19 "**§ 90-202.10. Annual fee; cancellation or renewal of license.**

20 On or before the first day of July of each year every podiatrist engaged in the
21 practice of podiatry in this State shall transmit to the secretary-treasurer of the said
22 North Carolina State Board of Podiatry Examiners his signature and post-office address,
23 the date and year of his or her certificate, together with a fee to be set by the Board of
24 Podiatry Examiners not to exceed ~~one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)~~ two hundred dollars
25 (\$200.00) and receive therefor a renewal certificate. Any license or certificate granted
26 by said Board under or by virtue of this section shall automatically be cancelled and
27 annulled if the holder thereof fails to secure the renewal herein provided for within a
28 period of 30 days after the first day of July of each year, and such delinquent podiatrist
29 shall pay a penalty for reinstatement of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each succeeding
30 month of delinquency until a six-month period of delinquency exists. After a six-month
31 period of delinquency exists or after January 1 following the July 1 deadline, the said
32 podiatrist must appear before the North Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners and take
33 a new examination before being allowed to practice podiatry in the State of North
34 Carolina."

35 Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.