

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 292

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act defining and regulating the practice
7 of podiatry (chiropody)."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 Section 1. DEFINITION. The definition of the words
10 "podiatry" or "chiropody" shall, for the purpose of this Act, be
11 held to be the diagnosis, medical, surgical, physical or mechani-
12 cal treatment of the human foot, excepting the administration of
13 general anesthetics and amputation of the foot.

14 Sec. 2. LICENSING REQUIREMENTS. It shall be unlawful for
15 anyone to practice podiatry (chiropody) in the State of Alaska
16 unless he or she possesses a valid license to practice podiatry
17 (chiropody) in any other state or the District of Columbia, and
18 also possesses a certificate in the basic sciences acceptable in
19 Alaska by reciprocity or by examination in Alaska. In the absence
20 of a separate licensing and examining board for podiatry (chir-
21 opody), the Board of Examiners in the Basic Sciences shall examine
22 the applicant for a license in podiatry (chiropody), determine and
23 certify reciprocity, and issue licenses.

24 Sec. 3. VIOLATIONS OF ACT: PENALTIES. Any person who shall
25 practice or attempt to practice podiatry (chiropody) without a
26 license or otherwise violate any terms of this Act, or use any
27 words or letters to induce others to believe that he or she is
28 engaged in the practice of podiatry (chiropody), or shall use any
29 cutting instruments upon the feet, claiming to be practicing some

1 other branch of the healing arts, other than podiatry (chiropody)
2 or medicine, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon convic-
3 tion, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$200.00 or
4 shall be imprisoned for not more than six months, or suffer both
5 such fine and imprisonment.

6 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to interfere with or
7 affect regularly licensed physicians in the discharge of their
8 professional duties and nothing herein shall be construed so as to
9 prohibit or restrict the sale or fitting of shoes or commercial
10 foot appliances; provided, however, that no such retail merchant
11 shall be permitted to practice podiatry (chiropody) as provided
12 for in this Act unless duly licensed to practice podiatry
13 (chiropody).

14 Sec. 4. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE. Any person who desires
15 to practice podiatry (chiropody) in the State of Alaska shall
16 first make a written application to the state commissioner of
17 revenue for an Alaska business license. Such application for
18 license shall be accompanied by an initial fee of \$25.00 and by
19 a photostatic copy of a valid license to practice podiatry
20 (chiropody) in any one of the other 49 states or the District of
21 Columbia.

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