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IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. TAYLOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 292

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

A BILL

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

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

Section 1. DEFINITION. The definition of the words "podiatry" or "chiropody" shall, for the purpose of this Act, be held to be the diagnosis, medical, surgical, physical or mechanical treatment of the human foot, excepting the administration of general anesthetics and amputation of the foot.

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

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

1 other branch of the healing arts, other than podiatry (chiroprody)  
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 (chiroprody) as provided  
12 for in this Act unless duly licensed to practice podiatry  
13 (chiroprody).

14 Sec. 4. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE. Any person who desires  
15 to practice podiatry (chiroprody) 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 (chiroprody) in any one of the other 49 states or the District of  
21 Columbia.

22 Sec. 5. REFUSAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES. The  
23 board may refuse to grant, or may suspend or revoke a license upon  
24 the following grounds:

- 25 (1) Malpractice  
26 (2) Misrepresentation  
27 (3) Unprofessional conduct.  
28 (4) Habitual intemperance or addiction to the use of  
29 narcotics.

1 (5) Conviction of a felony or a misdemeanor involving  
2 moral turpitude.

3 (6) Violation of any provisions of this Act.

4 Proceedings under this Act shall be governed by the Administra-  
5 tive Procedure Act.

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