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AN ACT

Relating to the practice of podiatry; and providing for an effective date.

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

* Section 1. AS 08.64.170(a) is amended to read:

(a) No person may practice medicine, podiatry, osteopathy or acupuncture in the state unless he is licensed under this chapter, except that

(1) a physician assistant may examine, diagnose or treat persons under the supervision, control, and responsibility of either a physician licensed under this chapter or a physician exempted from licensure under sec. 370 of this chapter;

(2) a physician-trained mobile intensive care paramedic may render emergency lifesaving service; and

(3) a person licensed under AS 08.36 may perform acupuncture in the regular practice of dentistry, subject to the regulations of the Board of Dental Examiners.

* Sec. 2. AS 08.64.170 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(d) A podiatrist practicing in the state on the effective date of this Act is exempt from this section, and shall be issued a license without examination if application is made within one year of the effective date of this Act.

* Sec. 3. AS 08.64 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 08.64.209. QUALIFICATIONS FOR PODIATRY APPLICANTS. (a) Each applicant who desires to practice podiatry shall meet the qualifications prescribed in sec. 200(1) and (4) of this chapter and shall

(1) submit a certificate of graduation from a legally chartered school of podiatry approved by the board;

(2) take the examination required by sec. 210 of this chapter; the State Medical Board shall call to its aid a podiatrist of known ability who is licensed to practice podiatry to assist in the examination and licensure of applicants for a license to practice podiatry;

(3) meet other qualifications of experience or education which the board may require.

(b) The provisions of secs. 180 - 190, 220, and 230 - 380 of this chapter relating to the practice of medicine or osteopathy apply to the application procedure, testing, and practice of podiatry, as appropriate.

* Sec. 4. AS 08.64.380 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(9) "practice of podiatry" means the medical, mechanical, and surgical treatment of ailments of the foot, the muscles and tendons of the leg governing the functions of the foot, and superficial lesions of the hand other than those associated with trauma; the use of preparations, medicines, and drugs as are necessary for the treatment of these ailments; the treatment of the local manifestations of systemic diseases as they appear in the hand and foot, except that

(A) a patient shall be concurrently referred to a physician or osteopath for the treatment of the systemic disease itself;

(B) general anaesthetics may be used only in colleges of podiatry approved by the State Medical Board and in hospitals approved by the joint commission on the accreditation of hospitals, or the American Osteopathic Association; and

(C) the use of X ray or radium for therapeutic purposes is not permitted.

* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).