

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cloutier of South Portland.

Cosponsor: Mrs. Kany of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Revise the Podiatric Practice Act.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 3553 is amended to read:

§ 3553. Narcotics

With the approval of the ~~Bureau of Narcotics Drug Enforcement Administration~~, a podiatrist duly licensed in the State of Maine and a graduate of an accredited school of podiatry recognized by the ~~National Association of Chiropracist American Podiatry Association~~, who has been granted a ~~doctorate degree~~ **the degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine**, shall be privileged to apply for license and therefore to prescribe narcotic drugs in the treatment of ailments of the human foot.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA § 3602, first and 4th sentences, are amended to read:

The examiners shall hold regular meetings, one in March, one in July and one in November ~~upon the same dates and at the same places as are held the regular meetings of the Board of Registration in Medicine~~ and such additional meetings at such times and places as the said examiners may determine.

Said records ~~or duplicates thereof~~ shall be filed in the office of the ~~Secretary of State~~ **secretary of the board** and shall always be open to inspection during regular office hours.

**Sec. 3. 32 MRSA § 3651, first ¶**, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 598, § 76, is further amended to read:

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, any person before engaging in the practice of podiatry shall be examined as to his qualifications. Each applicant shall, at least ~~10~~ **60** days before the date of his examination, present to the secretary of the Board of Registration in Medicine an application for a license to practice podiatry on a form prescribed by the examiners and containing satisfactory proof that said applicant is at least 18 years of age, of good moral character and that he has received a certificate of graduation from a legally incorporated, regular established school of podiatry, recognized by the Council of Education of the ~~National Association of Chiropractors~~ **American Podiatry Association**, having a minimum requirement of not less than 4 consecutive years of 8 months each of scholastic attendance, nor shall such applicant be entitled to registration and certificate unless such applicant shall have had, prior to the beginning of his course in podiatry, as a minimum requirement, a ~~4-year~~ **2-year** course ~~in a recognized high school or its equivalent and one year~~ in a legally recognized school or college of the liberal arts or of the sciences.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this legislation is to delete anachronisms from and revise the Podiatric Practice Act, thus making it consistent with current practices.