

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 244

H. P. 199

House of Representatives, January 13, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Ms. Benoit of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT Concerning the Habitual Use of Drugs by Podiatrists.

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

32 MRSA § 3655, sub-§ 12, is amended to read:

12. Unprofessional conduct. A podiatrist shall refrain from any conduct generally considered unprofessional or unethical by the learned professions including, but not limited to, addiction to the use of narcotics, hallucinogenic or habit-forming drugs.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide that podiatrists who use narcotics, hallucinogenic drugs or are addicted to other habit-forming drugs are subject to disciplinary action. The current law contains similar language for pharmacists, physicians, and other related occupations.