

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1483

S. P. 425

In Senate, April 11, 1977

Referred to Committee on Business Legislation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Snowe of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Concerning the Podiatrics Practice Act.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 3652 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 3652. Fees; reexamination

Every applicant for an examination for a license to practice podiatry shall, at the time of filing his application, pay to the secretary of the Board of Registration in Medicine a fee of \$100. In case the application is denied and examination refused, $\frac{1}{2}$ of the fee shall be returned to the applicant. Any applicant who fails to pass an examination shall be entitled to a reexamination within 6 months upon the payment of an additional fee of \$50, but only 2 such reexaminations shall be permitted. Podiatrists having been licensed in another state and licensed to practice in this State without examination shall pay a fee of \$100. Every person licensed to practice podiatry must pay biennially a renewal license fee of \$20 beginning July 1, 1977. If such renewal fee is not paid within 3 months after the date of notification by the secretary that such fee is due, the license of the person so failing to pay shall lapse and shall be reissued only by a majority vote of the examiners and upon payment of a reinstatement fee of \$20.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA § 3654 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph to read:

The board, at its discretion, may issue a certificate to practice podiatry by endorsement to an applicant who has successfully passed the written examination of a recognized national certifying agency in podiatry, provided the written examination of the certifying agency was, in the opinion of the board,

equivalent to its own examination, and provided further that the applicant satisfies in all other respects, the requirements for examination as set forth in section 3651. Such application to the board shall be accompanied by an application fee of \$100.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to adjust licensure fees to reflect current costs and to provide for endorsement of the National Board of Podiatry examination.