

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 603

H. P. 542

House of Representatives, February 4, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Kilcoyne of Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Increase the Fees and Provide for Continuing Education of Podiatrists.

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

32 MRSA § 3652, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 267, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 3652. Fees; reexamination; license renewal

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, ½ 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 \$50, but only 2 such reexaminations shall be permitted. Podiatrists having been licensed in another state and applying for license to practice in this State without examination shall pay a fee of \$100.

Every doctor of podiatric medicine licensed to practice podiatric medicine and surgery within this State shall, on or before July 1, 1981 and on or before July 1st of every odd-numbered year thereafter, apply to the examiners for a certificate of license renewal on a form furnished by the examiners and shall pay a renewal fee of not more than \$100.

On or before July 1, 1983, and on or before July 1st of every odd-numbered year thereafter, any applicant, who is practicing podiatric medicine and surgery in this State, shall include satisfactory evidence to the board that in the preceding 2 years the applicant has completed a program of continuing education as prescribed in the rules and regulations of the examiners.

If application for license renewal according to the conditions set forth in this section is not submitted within 3 months after the date of notification by the secretary that such renewal is due, the license of the person so failing to renew shall lapse. The license shall be reissued only by a majority vote of the examiners and upon payment of a reinstatement fee of \$25, and provided that there exists no cause, as set forth in this chapter, which may be considered grounds for suspension or revocation of a license.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides for an increase of renewal fees and continuing education for podiatrists. Additional revenue is needed if the Board of Registration in Medicine is to remain operational. Its funds have been depleted by litigation.