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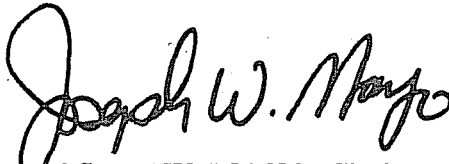
House of Representatives, May 18, 1993

**An Act to Increase the Revenues of the Board of Examiners of
Podiatrists.**

(EMERGENCY)

Reported by Representative ERWIN for the Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 925, subsection 2.

Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 18.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

2 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

4 **Whereas,** the Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program
6 Review has commenced a review of the Board of Examiners of
Podiatrists; and

8 **Whereas,** the committee has determined upon preliminary
10 review that the board is in danger of insolvency due to
inadequate license fee revenues to support its activities; and

12 **Whereas,** the board owes several debts that potentially
14 impede its ability to properly act to regulate podiatrists in the
interest of protection of the public health and welfare; and

16 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
18 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
20 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

24 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3652,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1981,
26 c. 206, is amended to read:

28 **§3652. Fees; reexamination; license renewal**

30 Every applicant for an examination for a license to practice
32 podiatry shall, at the time of filing his an application, pay to
the secretary of the Board of Registration ~~in Medicine~~ Examiners
34 of Podiatrists a fee of \$100. ~~In case~~ If the application is
denied and examination refused, 1/2 of the fee shall must be
36 returned to the applicant. Any An applicant who fails to pass an
examination shall ~~be~~ is entitled to a reexamination within 6
38 months upon the payment of an additional \$50, but only 2 such
reexaminations shall ~~be~~ are permitted. Podiatrists having ~~been~~
40 licensed in another state and applying for a license to practice
in this State without examination shall pay a fee of \$100.

42 Every doctor of podiatric medicine licensed to practice
44 podiatric medicine and surgery within this State shall, on or
before ~~July~~ August 1, ~~1981~~ 1993 and on or before July 1st of
46 every ~~odd-numbered~~ year thereafter, apply to the examiners for a
certificate ~~of~~ license renewal on a form furnished by the
48 examiners and shall pay a renewal fee of ~~no more than~~ \$100 \$125.

50 On or before ~~July~~ August 1, ~~1983~~ 1993, and on or before July
1st of every ~~odd-numbered~~ year thereafter, any applicant, who is

2 practicing podiatric medicine and surgery in this State, shall
3 include satisfactory evidence to the board that in the preceding
4 2-years license period the applicant has completed a program of
5 continuing education as prescribed in the rules and-regulations
6 of the examiners.

7 If application for license renewal according to the
8 conditions set forth in this section is not submitted within -3-
9 2 months after the date of notification by the secretary that
10 such the renewal is due, the license of the person so failing to
11 renew shall-lapse lapses. The license shall may be reissued only
12 by a majority vote of the examiners and upon payment of a
13 reinstatement fee of \$25, and ~~provided-that~~ only if there exists
14 no cause, as set forth in this chapter, which that may be
15 considered grounds for suspension or revocation of a the license.

16 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
17 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

20 22 STATEMENT OF FACT

23 This bill raises the fee for an annual license for doctor of
24 podiatric medicine from \$50 to \$125 and changes the licensing
25 cycle from a biennial cycle to an annual cycle.
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