A Bill for an Act Relating to Podiatrists.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to adopt the national standard of a minimum of twenty-four months in an accredited podiatric residency prior to licensure as a podiatrist.

SECTION 2. Section 463E-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§463E-3 Qualification for [examination.] licensure. No person shall be licensed to practice podiatric medicine unless the [applicant] person has passed the examinations described in section 463E-4 and has been found to [be-possessed of possess the necessary qualifications as required by the board.

Before any applicant shall be eligible for [the examinations;] licensure, the

applicant shall furnish satisfactory proof to the board that:

The applicant is a graduate in podiatric medicine of a college approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education of the American Podiatric Medical Association and by the Hawaii medical board;1

The applicant has taken and satisfactorily completed in a college, a  $[\frac{(2)}{(2)}]$ residence course of professional instruction in podiatric medicine,

which has been approved by the board; and

The applicant is of demonstrated competence and professional

knowledge.]; and

The applicant has completed at least twenty-four months in an accredited podiatric residency, as approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education, prior to applying for licensure; provided that an applicant who has graduated from an approved college before January 1, 2004, shall:

(A) Have completed at least twelve months in an accredited podi-

atric residency;

(B) Have at least ten years of active licensed experience in podiatric medicine in another state; and
 (C) Hold a current, unencumbered license in podiatric medicine in

another state;

provided further that the residency and active licensed experience requirements in this paragraph shall not apply to podiatrists with current, active licenses to practice podiatric medicine in Hawaii."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2015. (Approved April 30, 2014.)

## Note

1. Semicolon should be bracketed and stricken.