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S.B. NO. 2467

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 allow a qualified podiatric physician to perform ankle fracture surgery and to conform the definition of "podiatric medicine" to national standards relative to diagnosis and treatment of the foot and ankle.

SECTION 2. Chapter 463E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§463E- Qualifications; ankle fracture surgery. A podiatric physician may perform ankle fracture surgery if the podiatric physician is board qualified or board certified in reconstructive rearfoot ankle surgery by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery and has completed a thirty-six-month podiatric surgical residency."

SECTION 3. Section 463E-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of "podiatric medicine" to read as follows:

"Podiatric medicine" means the medical, surgical, mechanical, manipulative, and electrical diagnosis and treatment of the human foot, malleoli, and ~~[soft tissues about the]~~ ankle, ~~[except for ankle fractures,]~~ including the ~~[nonsurgical]~~ surgical treatment of the muscles and tendons of the leg governing the

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functions of the foot, but does not include ~~[any] amputation, except for digital amputation,~~ above the ankle, treatment of systemic conditions, or the use of any anesthetic except local anesthetic.”

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 30, 2014.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.