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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to podiatry by broadening the scope of practice
2 of podiatry, by including podiatrists in the definition of
3 "physician" for certain purposes, by broadening provisions
4 relating to temporary certificates, and by providing for other
5 properly related matters.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 135.1, subsection 5, Code 1987, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. "Physician" ~~shall-mean~~ means a person licensed to
4 practice medicine and surgery, osteopathy osteopathic medicine
5 and surgery, osteopathy, or chiropractic, or podiatry under
6 the laws of this state; but a person licensed as a physician
7 and surgeon shall be designated as a "physician" or "surgeon",
8 a person licensed as an osteopath osteopathic physician and
9 surgeon shall be designated as an "osteopathic physician" or
10 "osteopathic surgeon", a person licensed as an osteopath shall
11 be designated as an "osteopathic physician", and a person
12 licensed as a chiropractor shall be designated as a
13 "chiropractor", and a person licensed as a podiatrist shall be
14 designated as a "podiatrist".

15 Sec. 2. Section 149.1, subsection 2, Code 1987, is amended
16 by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the
17 following:

18 2. Persons who diagnose, prescribe, or prescribe and
19 furnish medicine for ailments of the foot and those anatomical
20 structures and ailments of the leg governing functions of the
21 foot, or treat such ailments by medical, mechanical, or
22 surgical treatments.

23 Sec. 3. Section 149.2, subsection 1, Code 1987, is amended
24 to read as follows:

25 1. Physicians and surgeons, or osteopaths, or osteopathic
26 physicians and surgeons who are authorized to practice in this
27 state and are not licensed podiatrists.

28 Sec. 4. Section 149.5, Code 1987, is amended to read as
29 follows:

30 149.5 AMPUTATIONS -- GENERAL ANESTHETICS.

31 A license to practice podiatry shall not authorize the
32 licensee to amputate the human foot ~~or-perform-any-surgery-on~~
33 ~~the-human-body-at-or-above-the-ankle~~; or use any anesthetics
34 other than local.

35 A registered licensed podiatrist may prescribe and

1 administer drugs for the treatment of human foot ailments as
2 provided in section 149.1.

3 Sec. 5. Section 149.6, Code 1987, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 149.6 TITLE OR ABBREVIATION.

6 Every licensee shall be designated as a registered licensed
7 podiatrist and shall not use any title or abbreviation without
8 the designation "practice limited to the foot," nor mislead
9 the public in any way as to the limited field or practice.

10 Sec. 6. Section 149.7, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1987,
11 is amended to read as follows:

12 The podiatry examiners may issue a temporary certificate to
13 ~~an-academic-staff-member-of-a-podiatry-school-in-this-state~~
14 authorizing the licensee named in the certificate to practice
15 podiatry if, in the opinion of the podiatry examiners,
16 ~~determine-that~~ a need exists and the person possesses the
17 qualifications prescribed by the podiatry examiners for the
18 certificate, which shall be substantially equivalent to those
19 required for regular licensure under this chapter. The
20 podiatry examiners shall determine in each instance the
21 applicant's eligibility for the certificate, whether or not
22 ~~examinations~~ an examination shall be given, and the type of
23 ~~examinations~~ examination. The requirements of the law
24 pertaining to regular permanent licensure shall not be
25 mandatory for this temporary certificate except as
26 specifically designated by the podiatry examiners. The
27 granting of a temporary certificate does not in any way
28 indicate that the person licensed is necessarily eligible for
29 regular licensure, and the podiatry examiners are not
30 obligated to license the person.

31 EXPLANATION

32 This bill amends chapter 149, relating to the practice of
33 podiatry, to broaden the scope of practice of podiatrists. It
34 expands the provision on temporary certificates to include
35 others in addition to academic staff members of podiatry

1 schools.

2 The bill also inserts podiatrists in the definition of
3 "physician" in section 135.1, which applies primarily to Title
4 VII of the Code (chapters 135 through 145A, relating to public
5 health) but also applies to certain provisions on data
6 collection and utilization review.

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