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AN ACT to amend the education law, the public health law, and the civil practice law and rules, in relation to the podiatric scope of practice

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 7001 of the education law, as amended by chapter
2 677 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

3 S 7001. Definition of practice of podiatry. 1. The practice of the
4 profession of podiatry is defined as diagnosing, treating, operating and
5 prescribing for any disease, injury, deformity or other condition of the
6 foot, and may include performing physical evaluations in conjunction
7 with the provision of podiatric treatment. FOR THE PURPOSES OF WOUND
8 CARE HOWEVER, THE PRACTICE OF PODIATRY SHALL INCLUDE THE TREATMENT OF
9 SUCH WOUNDS IF THEY ARE CONTIGUOUS WITH WOUNDS RELATING, ORIGINATING OR
10 IN THE COURSE OF TREATMENT OF A WOUND ON THE FOOT WITHIN THE PODIATRIC
11 SCOPE OF PRACTICE. WOUND CARE SHALL NOT, HOWEVER, EXTEND BEYOND TO THE
12 LEVEL ENDING AT THE DISTAL TIBIAL TUBEROSITY. THE PRACTICE OF PODIATRY
13 MAY ALSO INCLUDE DIAGNOSING, TREATING, OPERATING AND PRESCRIBING FOR ANY
14 DISEASE, INJURY, DEFORMITY OR OTHER CONDITION OF THE ANKLE AND SOFT
15 TISSUE OF THE LEG BELOW THE TIBIAL TUBEROSITY IF THE PODIATRIST HAS
16 OBTAINED AN ISSUANCE OF A PRIVILEGE TO PERFORM PODIATRIC STANDARD ANKLE
17 SURGERY OR ADVANCED ANKLE SURGERY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION SEVEN THOU-
18 SAND NINE OF THIS ARTICLE. Podiatrists may treat traumatic open wound
19 fractures only in hospitals, as defined in article twenty-eight of the
20 public health law. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, THE TERM "ANKLE"
21 SHALL BE DEFINED AS THE DISTAL METAPHYSIS AND EPIPHYSIS OF THE TIBIA AND
22 FIBULA, THE ARTICULAR CARTILAGE OF THE DISTAL TIBIA AND DISTAL FIBULA,
23 THE LIGAMENTS THAT CONNECT THE DISTAL METAPHYSIS AND EPIPHYSIS OF THE
24 TIBIA AND FIBULA AND TALUS, AND THE PORTIONS OF SKIN, SUBCUTANEOUS
25 TISSUE, FACIA, MUSCLES, TENDONS, LIGAMENTS AND NERVES AT OR BELOW THE
26 LEVEL OF THE MYOTENDINOUS JUNCTION OF THE TRICEPS SURAE.

27 2. The practice of podiatry shall not include treating any part of the
28 human body other than the foot, nor treating fractures of the malleoli

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 or cutting operations upon the malleoli UNLESS THE PODIATRIST OBTAINS AN
2 ISSUANCE OF A PRIVILEGE TO PERFORM PODIATRIC STANDARD ANKLE SURGERY OR
3 PODIATRIC ADVANCED ANKLE SURGERY. PODIATRISTS WHO HAVE OBTAINED AN ISSU-
4 ANCE OF A PRIVILEGE TO PERFORM PODIATRIC STANDARD ANKLE SURGERY MAY
5 PERFORM SURGERY ON THE ANKLE WHICH MAY INCLUDE SOFT TISSUE AND OSSEOUS
6 PROCEDURES EXCEPT THOSE PROCEDURES SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED FOR PODIA-
7 TRISTS WHO HAVE OBTAINED AN ISSUANCE OF A PRIVILEGE FOR ADVANCED ANKLE
8 SURGERY. PODIATRISTS WHO HAVE OBTAINED AN ISSUANCE OF A PRIVILEGE TO
9 PERFORM PODIATRIC ADVANCED ANKLE SURGERY MAY PERFORM SURGERY ON THE
10 ANKLE WHICH MAY INCLUDE ANKLE FRACTURE FIXATION, ANKLE FUSION, ANKLE
11 ARTHROSCOPY, INSERTION OR REMOVAL OF EXTERNAL FIXATION PINS INTO OR FROM
12 THE TIBIAL DIAPHYSIS AT OR BELOW THE LEVEL OF THE MYOTENDINOUS JUNCTION
13 OF THE TRICEPS SURAE, AND INSERTION AND REMOVAL OF RETROGRADE TIBIOTALO-
14 CALCANEAL INTRAMEDULLARY RODS AND LOCKING SCREWS UP TO THE LEVEL OF THE
15 MYOTENDINOUS JUNCTION OF THE TRICEPS SURAE, BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
16 SURGICAL TREATMENT OF COMPLICATIONS WITHIN THE TIBIAL DIAPHYSIS RELATED
17 TO THE USE OF SUCH EXTERNAL FIXATION PINS. Podiatrists licensed to
18 practice, but not authorized to prescribe or administer narcotics prior
19 to the effective date of this subdivision, may do so only after certif-
20 ication by the department in accordance with the qualifications estab-
21 lished by the commissioner. The practice of podiatry shall include
22 administering only local anesthetics for therapeutic purposes as well as
23 for anesthesia and treatment under general anesthesia administered by
24 authorized persons. THE PRACTICE OF PODIATRY BY ANY LICENSEE SHALL NOT
25 INCLUDE PARTIAL OR TOTAL ANKLE REPLACEMENTS NOR THE TREATMENT OF PILON
26 FRACTURES.

27 S 2. The education law is amended by adding two new sections 7009 and
28 7010 to read as follows:

29 S 7009. PODIATRIC ANKLE SURGERY PRIVILEGES. 1. FOR ISSUANCE OF A PRIV-
30 ILEGE TO PERFORM PODIATRIC STANDARD ANKLE SURGERY, AS THAT TERM IS USED
31 IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION SEVEN THOUSAND ONE OF THIS ARTICLE, THE
32 APPLICANT SHALL FULFILL THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

33 A. APPLICATION: FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT;

34 B. LICENSE: BE LICENSED AS A PODIATRIST IN THE STATE;

35 C. TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION: EITHER:

36 (I) HAVE GRADUATED ON OR AFTER JUNE FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIX FROM A
37 THREE-YEAR RESIDENCY PROGRAM IN PODIATRIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY THAT WAS
38 ACCREDITED BY AN ACCREDITING AGENCY ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT, AND BE
39 CERTIFIED IN RECONSTRUCTIVE REARFOOT AND ANKLE SURGERY BY A NATIONAL
40 CERTIFYING BOARD HAVING CERTIFICATION STANDARDS ACCEPTABLE TO THE
41 DEPARTMENT; OR

42 (II) HAVE GRADUATED ON OR AFTER JUNE FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIX FROM A
43 THREE-YEAR RESIDENCY PROGRAM IN PODIATRIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY THAT WAS
44 ACCREDITED BY AN ACCREDITING AGENCY ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT, BE
45 BOARD QUALIFIED BUT NOT YET CERTIFIED IN RECONSTRUCTIVE REARFOOT AND
46 ANKLE SURGERY BY A NATIONAL CERTIFYING BOARD HAVING CERTIFICATION STAND-
47 ARDS ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT, AND PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION THAT HE OR
48 SHE HAS ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE IN STANDARD OR ADVANCE
49 MIDFOOT, REARFOOT AND ANKLE PROCEDURES THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE
50 DEPARTMENT; OR

51 (III) HAVE GRADUATED BEFORE JUNE FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIX FROM A
52 TWO-YEAR RESIDENCY PROGRAM IN PODIATRIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY THAT WAS
53 ACCREDITED BY AN ACCREDITING AGENCY ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT, BE
54 CERTIFIED IN RECONSTRUCTIVE REARFOOT AND ANKLE SURGERY BY A NATIONAL
55 CERTIFYING BOARD HAVING CERTIFICATION STANDARDS ACCEPTABLE TO THE
56 DEPARTMENT, AND PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION THAT HE OR SHE HAS ACCEPTABLE

1 TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE IN STANDARD OR ADVANCED MIDFOOT, REARFOOT AND
2 ANKLE PROCEDURES THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT;

3 D. FEES: PAY A FEE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TWO HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS FOR
4 THE ISSUANCE OF A PRIVILEGE TO PERFORM PODIATRIC STANDARD ANKLE SURGERY.

5 2. FOR ISSUANCE OF A PRIVILEGE TO PERFORM PODIATRIC ADVANCED ANKLE
6 SURGERY, AS THAT TERM IS USED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION SEVEN THOU-
7 SAND ONE OF THIS ARTICLE, THE APPLICANT SHALL FULFILL THE FOLLOWING
8 REQUIREMENTS:

9 A. APPLICATION: FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT;

10 B. LICENSE: BE LICENSED AS A PODIATRIST IN THE STATE;

11 C. EXPERIENCE AND CERTIFICATION: EITHER:

12 (I) HAVE GRADUATED ON OR AFTER JUNE FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIX FROM A
13 THREE-YEAR RESIDENCY PROGRAM IN PODIATRIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY THAT WAS
14 ACCREDITED BY AN ACCREDITING AGENCY ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT, BE
15 CERTIFIED IN RECONSTRUCTIVE REARFOOT AND ANKLE SURGERY BY A NATIONAL
16 CERTIFYING BOARD HAVING CERTIFICATION STANDARDS ACCEPTABLE TO THE
17 DEPARTMENT, AND PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION THAT HE OR SHE HAS ACCEPTABLE
18 TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE IN ADVANCED MIDFOOT, REARFOOT AND ANKLE PROCE-
19 DURES THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT; OR

20 (II) HAVE GRADUATED BEFORE JUNE FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIX FROM A
21 TWO-YEAR RESIDENCY PROGRAM IN PODIATRIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY THAT WAS
22 ACCREDITED BY AN ACCREDITING AGENCY ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT, BE
23 CERTIFIED IN RECONSTRUCTIVE REARFOOT AND ANKLE SURGERY, BY A NATIONAL
24 CERTIFYING BOARD HAVING CERTIFICATION STANDARDS ACCEPTABLE TO THE
25 DEPARTMENT, AND PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION THAT HE OR SHE HAS ACCEPTABLE
26 TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE IN ADVANCED MIDFOOT, REARFOOT AND ANKLE PROCE-
27 DURES THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

28 D. FEES: PAY A FEE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TWO HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS FOR
29 THE ISSUANCE OF A PRIVILEGE TO PERFORM PODIATRIC ADVANCED ANKLE SURGERY.

30 3. DURATION AND REGISTRATION OF PRIVILEGES. A PRIVILEGE ISSUED UNDER
31 THIS SECTION SHALL BE VALID FOR THE LIFE OF THE HOLDER, UNLESS REVOKED,
32 ANNULLED, OR SUSPENDED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS. SUCH A PRIVILEGE SHALL
33 BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME OVERSIGHT AND DISCIPLINARY PROVISIONS AS LICENSES
34 ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE. THE HOLDER OF A PRIVILEGE ISSUED UNDER THIS
35 SECTION SHALL REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT AS A PRIVILEGE HOLDER IN THE
36 SAME MANNER AND SUBJECT TO THE SAME PROVISIONS AS REQUIRED OF A LICENSEE
37 PURSUANT TO SECTION SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWO OF THIS TITLE,
38 PROVIDED THAT, AT THE TIME OF EACH REGISTRATION, THE PRIVILEGE HOLDER
39 SHALL CERTIFY THAT HE OR SHE CONTINUES TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
40 PRIVILEGE SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION. THE FEE FOR SUCH REGISTRATION SHALL
41 BE TWO HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS. THE REGISTRATION PERIOD FOR A PRIVILEGE
42 HOLDER SHALL BE COTERMINOUS WITH HIS OR HER REGISTRATION AS A PODIA-
43 TRIST.

44 S 7010. ANKLE SURGERY LIMITED PERMITS. A LIMITED PERMIT TO PERFORM
45 PODIATRIC STANDARD ANKLE SURGERY, AS DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF
46 SECTION SEVEN THOUSAND ONE OF THIS ARTICLE, MAY BE ISSUED BY THE DEPART-
47 MENT TO A PODIATRIST WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE AND WHO
48 HAS MET THE RESIDENCY AND BOARD QUALIFICATION/CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
49 SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION SEVEN THOUSAND NINE OF THIS
50 ARTICLE IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE SUCH PODIATRIST TO OBTAIN THE TRAINING AND
51 EXPERIENCE REQUIRED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A PODIATRIC STANDARD ANKLE
52 SURGERY PRIVILEGE PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION SEVEN THOUSAND
53 NINE OF THIS ARTICLE. SUCH PERMITS SHALL AUTHORIZE THE PERFORMANCE OF
54 PODIATRIC STANDARD ANKLE SURGERY ONLY UNDER THE DIRECT PERSONAL SUPER-
55 VISION OF A LICENSED PODIATRIST HOLDING A PODIATRIC STANDARD ANKLE
56 SURGERY PRIVILEGE OR A PODIATRIC ADVANCED ANKLE SURGERY PRIVILEGE ISSUED

1 PURSUANT TO SECTION SEVEN THOUSAND NINE OF THIS ARTICLE OR OF A PHYSI-
2 CIAN LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE OF THIS TITLE
3 AND CERTIFIED IN ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY BY A NATIONAL CERTIFYING BOARD
4 HAVING CERTIFICATION STANDARDS ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT.

5 2. A LIMITED PERMIT TO PERFORM PODIATRIC ADVANCED ANKLE SURGERY, AS
6 DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION SEVEN THOUSAND ONE OF THIS ARTI-
7 CLE, MAY BE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO A PODIATRIST WHO IS LICENSED
8 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE AND WHO HAS MET THE RESIDENCY AND BOARD CERTIF-
9 ICATION REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION SEVEN THOU-
10 SAND NINE OF THIS ARTICLE IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE SUCH PODIATRIST TO
11 OBTAIN THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A PODIA-
12 TRIC ADVANCED ANKLE SURGERY PRIVILEGE PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION TWO OF
13 SECTION SEVEN THOUSAND NINE OF THIS ARTICLE. SUCH PERMITS SHALL AUTHOR-
14 IZE THE PERFORMANCE OF PODIATRIC ADVANCED ANKLE SURGERY ONLY UNDER THE
15 DIRECT PERSONAL SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED PODIATRIST HOLDING A PODIATRIC
16 ADVANCED ANKLE SURGERY PRIVILEGE ISSUED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION TWO OF
17 SECTION SEVEN THOUSAND NINE OF THIS ARTICLE OR OF A PHYSICIAN LICENSED
18 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE OF THIS TITLE AND CERTIFIED
19 IN ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY BY A NATIONAL CERTIFYING BOARD HAVING CERTIF-
20 ICATION STANDARDS ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT.

21 3. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, DIRECT PERSONAL SUPERVISION MEANS
22 SUPERVISION OF PROCEDURES BASED ON INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN DIRECTLY BY THE
23 SUPERVISING PODIATRIST OR PHYSICIAN WHO REMAINS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA
24 WHERE THE PROCEDURES ARE BEING PERFORMED, AUTHORIZES THE PROCEDURES AND
25 EVALUATES THE PROCEDURES PERFORMED BY THE HOLDER OF THE LIMITED PERMIT.

26 4. THE HOLDER OF A LIMITED PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION
27 SHALL PERFORM PODIATRIC ANKLE SURGERY ONLY IN A HOSPITAL OR HEALTH
28 FACILITY LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
29 LAW AND APPROPRIATELY AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE SUCH SURGERY.

30 5. LIMITED PERMITS SHALL BE ISSUED FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, AND MAY
31 BE RENEWED FOR ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS WHEN NECESSARY TO PERMIT THE
32 COMPLETION OF THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A PODIATRIC
33 STANDARD ANKLE SURGERY PRIVILEGE OR PODIATRIC ADVANCED ANKLE SURGERY
34 PRIVILEGE, AS APPLICABLE, PROVIDED THAT NO PERMIT MAY BE RENEWED MORE
35 THAN FOUR TIMES FOR EACH SUCH PRIVILEGE.

36 6. THE FEE FOR A LIMITED PERMIT SHALL BE ONE HUNDRED FIVE DOLLARS AND
37 THE FEE FOR A RENEWAL SHALL BE FIFTY DOLLARS.

38 S 3. Paragraph (i) of subdivision 1 of section 230-d of the public
39 health law, as added by chapter 365 of the laws of 2007, is amended to
40 read as follows:

41 (i) "Licensee" shall mean an individual licensed or otherwise author-
42 ized under [articles] ARTICLE one hundred thirty-one [or], one hundred
43 thirty-one-B, INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE OBTAINED AN ISSUANCE OF A PRIVILEGE
44 TO PERFORM PODIATRIC STANDARD OR ADVANCED ANKLE SURGERY PURSUANT TO
45 SUBDIVISIONS ONE AND TWO OF SECTION SEVEN THOUSAND NINE of the education
46 law.

47 S 4. Section 2995-d of the public health law is amended by adding a
48 new subdivision 4-a to read as follows:

49 4-A. IN COOPERATION WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ESTABLISH A HEALTH
50 CARE PRACTITIONER DATABASE RELATING TO PODIATRISTS. SUCH DATABASE SHALL
51 INCLUDE INFORMATION SIMILAR TO THE PHYSICIAN PROFILES ESTABLISHED PURSU-
52 ANT TO SECTION TWENTY-NINE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE-A OF THIS TITLE. THE
53 DATABASE SHALL BE CAPABLE OF PRESENTING RELEVANT MEDICAL AND TREATMENT
54 INFORMATION IN A FORMAT THAT IS EASILY UNDERSTOOD BY AND MADE AVAILABLE
55 TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

1 S 5. Paragraph 1 of subdivision (d) of section 3101 of the civil prac-
2 tice law and rules is amended by adding a new subparagraph (iv) to read
3 as follows:
4 (IV) IN AN ACTION FOR PODIATRIC MEDICAL MALPRACTICE, A PHYSICIAN MAY
5 BE CALLED AS AN EXPERT WITNESS AT TRIAL.
6 S 6. This act shall take effect eighteen months after it shall have
7 become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or
8 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of the
9 provisions of this act on its effective date is authorized to be made on
10 or before such effective date.