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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to making technical changes to the scope of the practice of podiatry

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 7001 of the education law,
2 subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 23 of the laws of 2013 and subdivi-
3 sion 2 as amended by chapter 438 of the laws of 2012, are amended to
4 read as follows:

5 1. The practice of the profession of podiatry is defined as diagnos-
6 ing, treating, operating and prescribing for any disease, injury,
7 deformity or other condition of the foot, *THE NON-SURGICAL TREATMENT OF*
8 *THE ANKLE AND THE ANATOMICAL STRUCTURES OF THE ANKLE, CUTANEOUS CONDI-*
9 *TIONS AND WOUNDS OF THE ANKLE*, and may include performing physical eval-
10 uations in conjunction with the provision of podiatric treatment. [For
11 the purposes of wound care however, the practice of podiatry shall
12 include the treatment of such wounds if they are contiguous with wounds
13 relating, originating or in the course of treatment of a wound on the
14 foot within the podiatric scope of practice.] *THE PRACTICE OF PODIATRY*
15 *SHALL NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TREATMENTS OR PROCEDURES PERFORMED ABOVE*
16 *THE LEVEL OF THE MALLEOLI, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED: THE TREATMENT OF*
17 *MELANOMA; PERFORMANCE OF MOHS SURGERY; MUSCLE FLAPS OR MICROVASCULAR*
18 *ANASTAMOSES*. Wound care shall not, however, extend beyond the level
19 ending at the [distal] tibial tuberosity. The practice of podiatry may
20 also include [diagnosing, treating, operating and prescribing for any
21 disease, injury, deformity or other condition of] the *SURGICAL TREATMENT*
22 *OF THE* ankle and soft tissue of the leg below the tibial tuberosity if
23 the podiatrist has obtained an issuance of a privilege to perform podia-
24 tric standard ankle surgery or advanced ankle surgery in accordance with
25 section seven thousand nine of this article. Podiatrists may treat trau-
26 matic open wound fractures only in hospitals, as defined in article
27 twenty-eight of the public health law. For the purposes of this article,
28 the term "ankle" shall be defined as the distal metaphysis and epiphysis

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

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1 of the tibia and fibula, the articular cartilage of the distal tibia and
2 distal fibula, the ligaments that connect the distal metaphysis and
3 epiphysis of the tibia and fibula and talus, and the portions of skin,
4 subcutaneous tissue, fascia, muscles, tendons, ligaments and nerves at or
5 below the level of the myotendinous junction of the triceps surae.

6 2. The practice of podiatry shall not include treating any part of the
7 human body other than the foot AND ANKLE AS HEREIN PROVIDED, nor treat-
8 ing fractures of the malleoli or cutting operations upon the malleoli
9 unless the podiatrist obtains an issuance of a privilege to perform
10 podiatric standard ankle surgery or podiatric advanced ankle surgery
11 Podiatrists who have obtained an issuance of a privilege to perform
12 podiatric standard ankle surgery may perform surgery on the ankle which
13 may include soft tissue and osseous procedures except those procedures
14 specifically authorized for podiatrists who have obtained an issuance of
15 a privilege for advanced ankle surgery. Podiatrists who have obtained an
16 issuance of a privilege to perform podiatric advanced ankle surgery may
17 perform surgery on the ankle which may include ankle fracture fixation,
18 ankle fusion, ankle arthroscopy, insertion or removal of external fixa-
19 tion pins into or from the tibial diaphysis at or below the level of the
20 myotendinous junction of the triceps surae, and insertion and removal of
21 retrograde tibiototalcanneal intramedullary rods and locking screws up
22 to the level of the myotendinous junction of the triceps surae, but does
23 not include the surgical treatment of complications within the tibial
24 diaphysis related to the use of such external fixation pins. Podiatrists
25 licensed to practice, but not authorized to prescribe or administer
26 narcotics prior to the effective date of this subdivision, may do so
27 only after certification by the department in accordance with the quali-
28 fications established by the commissioner. The practice of podiatry
29 shall include administering only local anesthetics for therapeutic
30 purposes as well as for anesthesia and treatment under general anes-
31 thesia administered by authorized persons. The practice of podiatry by
32 any licensee shall not include partial or total ankle replacements nor
33 the treatment of pilon fractures.

34 S 2. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph c of subdivision 1 of section 7009
35 of the education law, as added by chapter 438 of the laws of 2012, is
36 amended to read as follows:

37 (ii) have graduated on or after June first, two thousand six from a
38 three-year residency program in podiatric medicine and surgery that was
39 accredited by an accrediting agency acceptable to the department, be
40 board qualified but not yet certified in reconstructive rearfoot and
41 ankle surgery by a national certifying board having certification stand-
42 ards acceptable to the department, and provide documentation that he or
43 she has acceptable training and experience in standard or [advance]
44 ADVANCED midfoot, rearfoot and ankle procedures that has been approved
45 by the department; or

46 S 3. Section 7010 of the education law, as added by chapter 438 of the
47 laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

48 S 7010. Ankle surgery limited permits. 1. A limited permit to perform
49 podiatric standard ankle surgery, as described in subdivision two of
50 section seven thousand one of this article, may be issued by the depart-
51 ment to a podiatrist who is licensed pursuant to this article and who
52 has met the residency and board qualification/certification requirements
53 set forth in subdivision one of section seven thousand nine of this
54 article in order to authorize such podiatrist to obtain the training and
55 experience required for the issuance of a podiatric standard ankle
56 surgery privilege pursuant to subdivision one of section seven thousand

1 nine of this article. Such permits shall authorize the performance of
2 podiatric standard ankle surgery only under the [direct personal] super-
3 vision of a licensed podiatrist holding a podiatric standard ankle
4 surgery privilege or a podiatric advanced ankle surgery privilege issued
5 pursuant to section seven thousand nine of this article or of a physi-
6 cian licensed pursuant to article one hundred thirty-one of this title
7 and certified in orthopedic surgery by a national certifying board
8 having certification standards acceptable to the department.

9 2. A limited permit to perform podiatric advanced ankle surgery, as
10 described in subdivision two of section seven thousand one of this arti-
11 cle, may be issued by the department to a podiatrist who is licensed
12 pursuant to this article and who has met the residency and board certif-
13 ication requirements set forth in subdivision two of section seven thou-
14 sand nine of this article in order to authorize such podiatrist to
15 obtain the training and experience required for the issuance of a podia-
16 tric advanced ankle surgery privilege pursuant to subdivision two of
17 section seven thousand nine of this article; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT
18 BOARD QUALIFICATION SHALL BE DEEMED TO SATISFY THE CERTIFICATION
19 REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SUCH SECTION FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION.
20 Such permits shall authorize the performance of podiatric advanced ankle
21 surgery only under the [direct personal] supervision of a licensed
22 podiatrist holding a podiatric advanced ankle surgery privilege issued
23 pursuant to subdivision two of section seven thousand nine of this arti-
24 cle or of a physician licensed pursuant to article one hundred thirty-
25 one of this title and certified in orthopedic surgery by a national
26 certifying board having certification standards acceptable to the
27 department.

28 3. For the purposes of this section, [direct personal] supervision
29 means supervision of procedures based on instructions given directly by
30 [the supervising] A LICENSED podiatrist HOLDING A PODIATRIC STANDARD OR
31 ADVANCED ANKLE SURGERY PRIVILEGE or physician who [remains in the imme-
32 diate area where the procedures are being performed] IS IMMEDIATELY
33 AVAILABLE TO FURNISH ASSISTANCE AND DIRECTION THROUGHOUT THE PERFORMANCE
34 OF THE PROCEDURE, authorizes the procedures and evaluates the procedures
35 performed by the holder of the limited permit OR WITH THE APPROVAL OF
36 THE CHAIR OF THE ORTHOPEDIC OR SURGERY DEPARTMENT OF THE HOSPITAL AT
37 WHICH THE PROCEDURE WILL BE PERFORMED.

38 4. The holder of a limited permit issued pursuant to this section
39 shall perform podiatric ankle surgery only in a hospital or health
40 facility licensed pursuant to article twenty-eight of the public health
41 law and appropriately authorized to provide such surgery.

42 5. Limited permits shall be issued for a period of one year, and may
43 be renewed for additional one year periods when necessary to permit the
44 completion of the training and experience required to obtain a podiatric
45 standard ankle surgery privilege or podiatric advanced ankle surgery
46 privilege, as applicable, provided that no permit may be renewed more
47 than four times for each such privilege.

48 6. The fee for a limited permit shall be one hundred five dollars and
49 the fee for a renewal shall be fifty dollars.

50 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.