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SENATE BILL No. 61

By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

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AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to the practice of podiatry; elassification as a branch of the healing arts; qualifications; scope of practice; amending K.S.A. 65-2002, 65-2802 and 65-2872 and repealing the existing-sections section.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 65-2002 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-2002. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to profess to be a podiatrist, to practice or assume the duties incidental to podiatry, to advertise or hold oneself out to the public as a podiatrist, or to use any sign or advertisement with the word or words podiatrist, foot specialist, foot correctionist, foot expert, practapedist or chiropodist, or any other term or terms indicating that such person is a podiatrist or that such person practices or holds oneself out as practicing podiatry or foot correction in any manner, without first obtaining from the board a license authorizing the practice of podiatry in this state, except as hereinafter provided.

- (b) A licensed podiatrist shall be authorized to prescribe such drugs or medicine, and to perform such surgery on the human foot, ankle and tendons that insert into the foot, including amputation of the toes or part of the foot, as may be necessary to the proper practice of podiatry, but no podiatrist shall amputate the human foot or administer any anesthetic other than local.
- (c) This act shall not prohibit the recommendation, advertising, fitting or sale of corrective shoes, arch supports, or similar mechanical appliances, or foot remedies by manufacturers, wholesalers or retail dealers.
- (d) No podiatrist shall perform surgery on the ankle unless such person has completed a *two-year post-doctoral surgical residency program prior to July 1, 2007, or a* three-year post-doctoral surgical residency program *on or after July 1, 2007,* in reconstructive rearfoot/ankle surgery and is either board-certified or board qualified progressing to board certification in reconstructive rearfoot/ankle surgery by a nationally recognized certifying organization acceptable to the board. Surgical treatment of the ankle by a podiatrist shall be performed only in a medical care facility, as defined in K.S.A. 65-425, and amendments thereto.

- (e) Not later than 90 days after the effective date of this act, the board shall appoint a five-member committee to be known as the podiatry interdisciplinary advisory committee. Such committee shall advise and make recommendations to the board on matters relating to licensure of podiatrists to perform surgery on the ankle pursuant to subsection (d). The podiatry interdisciplinary advisory committee shall consist of five-members:
- (1) One member of the board appointed by the board who shall serve as a nonvoting chairperson;
- (2) two persons licensed to practice medicine and surgery specializing in orthopedies, chosen by the board from four names-submitted by the Kansas medical society; and
- (3) two podiatrists, at least one of whom shall have completed an accredited residency in foot and ankle surgery, chosen by the board from four names submitted by the Kansas podiatric medical association.

Members appointed to such committee shall serve at the pleasure of the board without compensation. All expenses of the committee shall be paid by the board. The provisions of this subsection shall expire on July 1, 2018.

- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-2802 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-2802. For the purpose of this act the following definitions shall apply:
- (a) The healing arts include any system, treatment, operation, diagnosis, prescription or practice for the ascertainment, cure, relief, palliation, adjustment or correction of any human disease, ailment, deformity, injury, alteration or enhancement of a condition or appearance and includes specifically, but not by way of limitation,: The practice of medicine and surgery; the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery; the practice of chiropractic.
 - (b) "Board" shall mean means the state board of healing arts.
- (c) "License," unless otherwise specified, shall mean *means* a license to practice the healing arts granted under this act *or the podiatry act*.
- (d) "Licensed" or "licensee," unless otherwise specified, shall mean means a person licensed under this act to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery or chiropractic or under the podiatry act to practice podiatry.
- (e) "Healing arts school" shall mean means an academic institution which that grants a doctor of chiropractic degree, doctor of medicine-degree or, doctor of osteopathy degree or doctor of podiatric medicine-degree.
- (f) Wherever the masculine gender is used, it shall be construed to include the feminine, and the singular number shall include the plural when consistent with the intent of this act.
 - Sec. 3. K.S.A. 65-2872 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-

2872. The practice of the healing arts shall not be construed to include the following persons:

- (a) Persons rendering gratuitous services in the case of an emergency.
- (b) Persons gratuitously administering ordinary household remedies.
- (e) The members of any church practicing their religious tenets-provided they shall not be exempt from complying with all public health regulations of the state.
- (d) Students while in actual classroom attendance in an accredited healing arts school who after completing one year's study treat diseases under the supervision of a licensed instructor.
- (e) Students upon the completion of at least three years study in an accredited healing arts school and who, as a part of their academic-requirements for a degree, serve a preceptorship not to exceed 180 days under the supervision of a licensed practitioner.
- (f) Persons who massage for the purpose of relaxation, muscle-conditioning, or figure improvement, provided no drugs are used and such persons do not hold themselves out to be physicians or healers.
- (g) Persons whose professional services are performed under the supervision or by order of or referral from a practitioner who is licensed under this act.
- (h) Persons in the general fields of psychology, education and social work, dealing with the social, psychological and moral well-being of individuals or groups, or both, provided they do not use drugs and do not hold themselves out to be the physicians, surgeons, osteopathic physicians or chiropractors.
- (i) Practitioners of the healing arts in the United States army, navy, air force, public health service, and coast guard or other military service when acting in the line of duty in this state.
- (j) Practitioners of the healing arts licensed in another state when and while incidentally called into this state in consultation with practitioners licensed in this state.
- (k) Dentists practicing their professions, when licensed and practicing in accordance with the provisions of article 14 of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, and any interpretation-thereof by the supreme court of this state.
- (l) Optometrists practicing their professions, when licensed and practicing under and in accordance with the provisions of article 15 of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, and any interpretation thereof by the supreme court of this state.
- (m) Nurses practicing their profession when licensed and practicing under and in accordance with the provisions of article 11 of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, and any interpretation thereof by the supreme court of this state.

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- (n) Podiatrists practicing their profession, when licensed and practicing under and in accordance with the provisions of article 20 of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, and any interpretation thereof by the supreme court of this state.
- (o) Every act or practice falling in the field of the healing arts, not specifically excepted herein, shall constitute the practice thereof.
- (p)(o) Pharmacists practicing their profession, when licensed and practicing under and in accordance with the provisions of article 16 of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, and any interpretation thereof by the supreme court of this state.
- (q)(p) A dentist licensed in accordance with the provisions of article 14 of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, who administers general and local anesthetics to facilitate medical procedures conducted by a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery if such dentist is certified by the board of healing arts under K.S.A. 65-2899, and amendments thereto, to administer such general and local anesthetics.
- (r)(q) Practitioners of the healing arts duly licensed under the laws of another state who do not open an office or maintain or appoint a place to regularly meet patients or to receive ealls within this state, but who order services which that are performed in this state in accordance with rules and regulations of the board. The board shall adopt rules and regulations identifying circumstances in which professional services may be performed in this state based upon an order by a practitioner of the healing arts licensed under the laws of another state.
- (s)(r) Acupuncturists, when licensed and practicing in accordance with K.S.A. 65-7601 through 65-7624, and amendments thereto the acupuncture practice act, rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, and interpretations thereof by the supreme court of this state.
- (t)(s) Persons licensed by the state board of cosmetology practicing their professions, when licensed and practicing under and in accordance with the provisions of article 19 of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, and any interpretation thereof by the supreme court of this state.
- 35 Sec.—4. 2. K.S.A. 65-2002, 65-2802 and 65-2872 are is hereby repealed.
 - Sec. 5. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.