

SB 178 -- PODIATRISTS

This bill changes the laws regarding the licensing of podiatrists. The bill:

- (1) Changes references of "podiatry" to "podiatric medicine" and "registration" to "licensure";
- (2) Requires an applicant for licensure to take the exam of the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners and the exam of the State Board of Podiatric Medicine on applicable Missouri laws and regulations;
- (3) Authorizes the state board to charge additional fees for duplicate licenses;
- (4) Allows a person serving an internship in a Missouri hospital to obtain a temporary license for a two-year period;
- (5) Allows for the biennial renewal of licenses;
- (6) Requires a retired podiatrist to provide the state board sufficient evidence of the completion of all continuing education requirements prior to the reactivation of his or her license;
- (7) Increases the per diem for state board members from \$50 to \$70 a day; and
- (8) Authorizes the state board to prohibit the application for reinstatement of a revoked license for a period of two to seven years and may require the person applying for reinstatement to obtain all continuing education requirements and pass specified examinations.