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By Senators Wojahn, Moyer, Fraser, Deccio and Prentice; by request of Department of Health

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1 AN ACT Relating to eligibility requirements for podiatric
2 physicians and surgeons; amending RCW 18.22.040; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 18.22 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.22 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The board may grant approval to issue a license without examination
8 to a podiatric physician and surgeon in a board-approved postgraduate
9 training program in this state if the applicant files an application
10 and meets all the requirements for licensure set forth in RCW 18.22.040
11 except for completion of one year of postgraduate training. The
12 secretary shall issue a postgraduate podiatric medicine and surgery
13 license that permits the physician to practice podiatric medicine and
14 surgery only in connection with his or her duties in the postgraduate
15 training program. The postgraduate training license does not authorize
16 the podiatric physician to engage in any other form of practice. Each
17 podiatric physician and surgeon in postgraduate training shall practice
18 podiatric medicine and surgery under the supervision of a physician
19 licensed in this state under this chapter, or chapter 18.71 or 18.57

1 RCW, but such supervision shall not be construed to necessarily require
2 the personal presence of the supervising physician at the place where
3 services are rendered.

4 All persons licensed under this section shall be subject to the
5 jurisdiction of the podiatric medical board as set forth in this
6 chapter and chapter 18.130 RCW.

7 Persons applying for licensure pursuant to this section shall pay
8 an application and renewal fee determined by the secretary as provided
9 in RCW 43.70.250. Postgraduate training licenses may be renewed
10 annually. Any person who obtains a license pursuant to this section
11 may apply for licensure under this chapter but shall submit a new
12 application form and comply with all other licensing requirements of
13 this chapter.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.22.040 and 1990 c 147 s 8 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 Before any person may take an examination for the issuance of a
17 podiatric physician and surgeon license, the applicant shall submit a
18 completed application and a fee determined by the secretary as provided
19 in RCW 43.70.250. The applicant shall also furnish the secretary and
20 the board with satisfactory proof that:

21 (1) The applicant has not engaged in unprofessional conduct as
22 defined in chapter 18.130 RCW and is not unable to practice with
23 reasonable skill and safety as a result of a physical or mental
24 impairment;

25 (2) The applicant has satisfactorily completed a course in an
26 approved school of podiatric medicine and surgery;

27 (3) The applicant has completed one year postgraduate podiatric
28 medical training in a program approved by the board, provided that
29 applicants graduating before July 1, 1993, shall be exempt from the
30 postgraduate training requirement.

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