A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PODIATRISTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to adopt the national standard of a minimum of twenty-four months in an accredited podiatric residency prior to licensure as a podiatrist.

SECTION 2. Section 4633-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§4633-3 Qualification for licensure. No person shall be licensed to practice podiatric medicine unless the person has passed the examinations described in section 4633-4 and has been found to possess the necessary qualifications as required by the board.

Before any applicant shall be eligible for licensure, the applicant shall furnish satisfactory proof to the board that:

(1) The applicant is a graduate in podiatric medicine of a college approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education of the American Podiatric Medical Association and by the Hawaii medical board;
1 [(2) The applicant has taken and satisfactorily completed
2 in a college, a residence course of professional
3 instruction in podiatric medicine, which has been
4 approved by the board; and
5 [(3) The applicant is of demonstrated competence and
6 professional knowledge.]; and
7 (2) The applicant has completed at least twenty-four
8 months in an accredited podiatric residency, as
9 approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical
10 Education, prior to applying for licensure; provided
11 that an applicant who has graduated from an approved
12 college before January 1, 2004, shall:
13 (A) Have completed at least twelve months in an
14 accredited podiatric residency;
15 (B) Have at least ten years of active licensed
16 experience in podiatric medicine in another
17 state; and
18 (C) Hold a current, unencumbered license in podiatric
19 medicine in another state;
20 provided further that the residency and active
21 licensed experience requirements in this paragraph

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shall not apply to podiatrists with current, active licenses to practice podiatric medicine in Hawaii."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2015.
**Report Title:**
Podiatrists; Podiatry; Minimum Residency Requirements; Licensure

**Description:**
Adopts the national standard of a minimum of twenty-four months in an accredited podiatric residency prior to licensure as a podiatrist, beginning on 01/01/2015. Specifies separate requirements for out-of-state podiatrists who graduated from an approved college before 01/01/2004, who are seeking initial licensure in Hawaii. (SD1)

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