

By Representative Ball

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to orthotics, prosthetics, and
 3 pedorthics; amending s. 468.805, F.S.;
 4 extending the deadline for a person who has
 5 practiced orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics
 6 for the required period to apply for licensure,
 7 based on the person's experience and
 8 educational preparation, without meeting the
 9 educational requirements set forth in statute;
 10 providing an effective date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 14 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 468.805, Florida
 15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 468.805 Licensure without examination; provisional
 17 licensure.--

18 (1) A person who has practiced orthotics, prosthetics,
 19 or pedorthics in this state for the required period since July
 20 1, 1990, who, before July ~~March~~ 1, 1999 ~~1998~~, applies to the
 21 department for a license to practice orthotics, prosthetics,
 22 or pedorthics, may be licensed as a prosthetist, orthotist,
 23 prosthetist-orthotist, orthotic fitter, orthotic fitter
 24 assistant, or pedorthist, as determined from the person's
 25 experience and educational preparation, without meeting the
 26 educational requirements set forth in s. 468.803, upon receipt
 27 of the application fee and licensing fee and after the board
 28 has completed an investigation into the applicant's background
 29 and experience. The board shall require an application fee not
 30 to exceed \$500, which shall be nonrefundable. The board shall
 31 complete its investigation within 6 months after receipt of

1 the application. The period of experience required for
2 licensure under this subsection is 5 years for a prosthetist;
3 2 years for an orthotic fitter, an orthotic fitter assistant,
4 or a pedorthist; and 5 years for an orthotist whose scope of
5 practice is defined under s. 468.80(7).

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
7 law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

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period to apply for licensure, based on the person's
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the educational requirements set forth in statute.

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