

By the Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care; and
Senator Diaz de la Portilla

317-1587-01

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to orthotics, prosthetics, and
pedorthics; amending s. 468.805, F.S.; revising
grandfathering requirements for licensure to
practice orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics
without meeting statutory educational
requirements; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (3) and (5) of section 468.805,
Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

468.805 Grandfathering.--

(3) An applicant who has received certification as an
orthotist, a prosthetist, a prosthetist-orthotist, or a
pedorthist from a national certifying body which requires the
successful completion of an examination, may be licensed under
this section without taking an additional examination. An
applicant who has not received certification from a national
certifying body which requires the successful completion of an
examination before March 1, 1998, shall be required to take an
examination as determined by the board. This examination shall
be designed to determine if the applicant has the minimum
qualifications needed to be licensed under this section, and
the board may not limit the number of times that an applicant
may sit for the examination. The applicant has until July 1,
2003, to complete the examination process. The board may
charge an examination fee and the actual per applicant cost to
the department for purchase or development of the examination.

(5) This section is repealed July 1, 2003 ~~2002~~.

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

3
4 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
5 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
6 Senate Bill 962

7 The Committee Substitute revises grandfathering provisions in
8 s. 468.805(3), F.S., to extend the deadline from July 1, 2002,
9 to July 1, 2003, to allow certain applicants for licensure as
10 an orthotist, a prosthetist, a prosthetist-orthotist, or a
11 pedorthist who have not received certification from a
12 certifying body which requires successful completion of an
13 examination before March 1, 1998, to waive the education
14 requirements for licensure and to sit for the state licensure
15 examination. The bill provides the Board of Orthotists and
16 Prosthetists may not limit the number of times that an
17 applicant may sit for the examination. An applicant has until
18 July 1, 2003, to complete the examination process. To conform,
19 the repeal date of section 468.805, F.S., is extended from
20 July 1, 2002, to July 1, 2003.
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31