

By Senator Siplin

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the practice of orthotics,  
3           prosthetics, and pedorthics; creating s.  
4           468.8051, F.S.; providing that individuals who  
5           previously applied for licensure to the  
6           Department of Health prior to a certain date  
7           and who have been approved by the Board of  
8           Orthotists and Prosthetists to practice  
9           orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics may be  
10          licensed as a prosthetist, orthotist, orthotic  
11          fitter assistant, or pedorthist without meeting  
12          certain educational requirements; requiring the  
13          Board of Orthotists and Prosthetists to  
14          investigate the individual's background and  
15          experience; providing an application fee;  
16          specifying periods of experience required for  
17          licensure; providing an effective date.

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

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21           Section 1. Section 468.8051, Florida Statutes, is  
22          created amended to read:

23           468.8051 Grandfathering.--A person who has practiced  
24          orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics in this state for the  
25          required period since July 1, 1990, and who applied before  
26          March 1, 1998, and has been approved by the department for a  
27          license to practice orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics, may  
28          be licensed as a prosthetist, orthotist, orthotic fitter  
29          assistant, or pedorthist, as determined from the person's  
30          experience and educational preparation without meeting the  
31          educational requirements set forth in s. 468.803, upon receipt

1 of the application fee and licensing fee and after the board  
2 has completed an investigation into the applicant's background  
3 and experience. The board shall require an application fee not  
4 to exceed \$500, which shall be nonrefundable. The board shall  
5 complete its investigation within 6 months after receipt of he  
6 completed application. The period of experience required for  
7 licensure under this section is 10 years for a prosthetist; 2  
8 years for a orthotic fitter, an orthotic fitter assistant, or  
9 a pedorthist; and 10 years for an orthotist whose scope of  
10 practice is defined under s. 468.80(7). Any person who meets  
11 this requirement shall be licensed by the department.

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

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16 SENATE SUMMARY

17 Requires the Department of Health to issue certain  
18 additional licenses if the applicant applied for  
19 licensure to the department prior to July 1, 1998, and  
20 was approved by the Board of Orthotists and Prosthetists  
21 to practice orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics,  
22 notwithstanding certain educational requirements.  
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