

1                                    A bill to be entitled  
 2                    An act relating to podiatric medicine; amending s.  
 3                    461.007, F.S.; authorizing the Board of Podiatric  
 4                    Medicine to require a specified number of continuing  
 5                    education hours related to the safe and effective  
 6                    prescribing of controlled substances; creating s.  
 7                    461.0155, F.S.; providing for governance of podiatric  
 8                    physicians who are supervising medical assistants;  
 9                    amending s. 624.27, F.S.; revising the definition of  
 10                    the term "health care provider" to include podiatric  
 11                    physicians; providing an effective date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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15                    Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 461.007, Florida  
 16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17                    461.007 Renewal of license.—

18                    (3) The board may by rule prescribe continuing education,  
 19 not to exceed 40 hours biennially, as a condition for renewal of  
 20 a license, with a minimum of 2 hours of continuing education  
 21 related to the safe and effective prescribing of controlled  
 22 substances. The criteria for such programs or courses shall be  
 23 approved by the board.

24                    Section 2. Section 461.0155, Florida Statutes, is created  
 25 to read:

26           461.0155 Medical assistants.—A podiatric physician who is  
27 supervising a medical assistant shall be governed by s.  
28 458.3485.

29           Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
30 624.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

31           624.27 Direct health care agreements; exemption from  
32 code.—

33           (1) As used in this section, the term:

34           (b) "Health care provider" means a health care provider  
35 licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter  
36 461, chapter 464, or chapter 466, or a health care group  
37 practice, who provides health care services to patients.

38           Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.