

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senators Hooper and Gruters

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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

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30 624.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

31 624.27 Direct health care agreements; exemption from code.-

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

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

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