

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 457
SENATE BILL 316

AN ACT TO INCREASE FEES CHARGED BY THE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS, TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY PODIATRY LICENSES, AND TO REVISE PROVISIONS FOR APPLICANTS LICENSED IN OTHER STATES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 90-202.5 reads as rewritten:

"§ 90-202.5. **Applicants to be examined; examination fee; ~~requirements.~~ requirements; temporary licenses.**

(a) Any person not heretofore authorized to practice podiatry in this State shall file with the Board of Podiatry Examiners an application for examination accompanied by a fee not to exceed ~~two hundred dollars (\$200.00),~~ three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00), together with proof that the applicant is of good moral character, and has obtained a preliminary education equivalent to four years of instruction in a high school and ~~two~~ three years of instruction in a college or university approved by the American Association of Colleges and Universities. ~~Such applicant before presenting himself for examination must be a graduate of a college of podiatric medicine accredited by the National Council on Education of [the] American Podiatry Association. Before taking the examination, the applicant must be a graduate of a college of podiatric medicine accredited by the National Council on Education of the American Podiatry Association.~~

Effective January 1, 1992, every applicant, as a prerequisite for licensure under this Article, shall complete one year of clinical residency or other equivalent postgraduate clinical program approved by the North Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners and, before taking the North Carolina podiatry licensure examination, shall present evidence to the Board that he has passed the National Board Examination.

Any person licensed to practice podiatry on or before January 1, 1992, who is actively involved in a postgraduate clinical program approved by the Board shall be permitted to practice podiatry in the approved program pending its completion.

(b) Effective January 1, 1992, the Board may issue a temporary license to practice podiatry to any applicant for licensure, for a period and under conditions established by the Board, while the person resides in North Carolina and is participating in a clinical residency or other equivalent postgraduate clinical program approved by the Board. A temporary license is valid only while the licensee is actively participating in the program and may not be extended beyond the determined length of training set by the Board."

Sec. 2. G.S. 90-202.6(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) Any applicant who fails to pass his examination shall within one year be entitled to reexamination upon the payment of an amount not to exceed ~~two hundred dollars (\$200.00)~~, three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00), but not more than two reexaminations shall be allowed any one applicant prior to filing a new application. Should he fail to pass his third examination, he shall file a new application before he can again be examined."

Sec. 3. G.S. 90-202.7 reads as rewritten:

"§ 90-202.7. Applicants licensed in other states.

If an applicant for licensure is already licensed in another state to practice podiatry, the Board shall issue a license to practice podiatry to the applicant upon evidence that:

- (1) The applicant is currently an active, competent practitioner in good standing; and
- (2) The applicant has practiced at least ~~three years out of the five years~~ immediately preceding his or her ~~application; and~~ application with at least three of those five years being in a state that grants similar reciprocity to North Carolina podiatrists; and
- (3) The applicant currently holds a valid license in another state; and
- (4) No disciplinary proceeding or unresolved complaint is pending anywhere at the time a license is to be issued by this State; and
- (5) The licensure requirements in the other state are equivalent to or higher than those required by this State, and the licensure requirements of that other state grant similar reciprocity to podiatrists licensed in North Carolina.

Any license issued upon the application of any podiatrist from any other state shall be subject to all of the provisions of this Article with reference to the license issued by the North Carolina State Board of Podiatry Examiners upon examination of applicants, and the rights and privileges to practice the profession of podiatry under any license so issued shall be subject to the same duties, obligations, restrictions and conditions as imposed by this Article on podiatrists originally examined by the North Carolina State Board of Podiatry Examiners."

Sec. 4. G.S. 90-202.10 reads as rewritten:

"§ 90-202.10. Annual fee; cancellation or renewal of license.

On or before the first day of July of each year every podiatrist engaged in the practice of podiatry in this State shall transmit to the secretary-treasurer of the said North Carolina State Board of Podiatry Examiners his signature and post-office address, the date and year of his or her certificate, together with a fee to be set by the Board of Podiatry Examiners not to exceed ~~one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)~~ two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and receive therefor a renewal certificate. Any license or certificate granted by said Board under or by virtue of this section shall automatically be cancelled and annulled if the holder thereof fails to secure the renewal herein provided for within a period of 30 days after the first day of July of each year, and such delinquent podiatrist shall pay a penalty for reinstatement of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each succeeding month of delinquency until a six-month period of delinquency exists. After a six-month period of delinquency exists or after January 1 following the July 1 deadline, the said

podiatrist must appear before the North Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners and take a new examination before being allowed to practice podiatry in the State of North Carolina."

Sec. 5. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 1st day of July, 1991.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives