



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2242

PRINTERS NO. 3710

PRIME SPONSOR: Toohil

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
State Board of Medicine Restricted Account	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends the Medical Practice Act (Act 112 of 1985) to provide licensure without examination for prosthetists, orthotists, pedorthists and orthotic fitters. This legislation would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Section 13.5 of the Medical Practice Act of 1985 (relating to prosthetists, orthotists, pedorthists and orthotic fitters) to allow persons who are currently dispensing diabetic shoes to receive a license without taking an examination. The person must meet the following requirements:

- Be of good moral character
- Submit a State Board of Medicine-approved application, and any fees set by the Board via regulation
- Keep and make available all patient logs
- Not be addicted to alcohol, narcotics or other habit-forming drugs
- Not have a felony conviction under the PA Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, or a similar law in another jurisdiction.

In addition to the above requirements, the person must comply with one of the following:

- For a prosthetic or orthotic license:
 - Holds a national certification as a prosthetist or orthotist issued by a national organization approved by the Board; OR
- For a pedorthotic or orthotic fitters license:
 - Holds a national certification as a pedorthist or orthotic fitter issued by a national organization approved by the Board; OR
 - Is a pharmacist, podiatrist or other health care practitioner who has been engaged in a practice for which he/she is licensed, registered or certified to practice or to act within the scope of that license, registration or certification.
 - Has been dispensing over-the-counter prostheses, orthoses or pedorthic devices for 2 consecutive years occurring within the 5 years immediately prior to the bill's effective date.

This legislation also removes language in the orthotic fitter scope of practice to align with federal standards and certification requirements for post-mastectomy products.

Additionally, this legislation delays enforcement of Section 13.5 of the Medical Practice Act until the Board publishes its final regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.