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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PODIATRISTS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to adopt the  
2 national standard of a minimum of twenty-four months in an  
3 accredited podiatric residency prior to licensure as a  
4 podiatrist.

5           SECTION 2. Section 463E-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7           "**§463E-3 Qualification for ~~[examination.]~~ licensure.** No  
8 person shall be licensed to practice podiatric medicine unless  
9 the ~~[applicant]~~ person has passed the examinations described in  
10 section 463E-4 and has been found to ~~[be possessed of]~~ possess  
11 the necessary qualifications as required by the board.

12           Before any applicant shall be eligible for ~~[the~~  
13 ~~examinations,]~~ licensure, the applicant shall furnish  
14 satisfactory proof to the board that:

15           (1) The applicant is a graduate in podiatric medicine of a  
16 college approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical  
17 Education of the American Podiatric Medical  
18 Association and by the Hawaii medical board;



1       ~~[(2) The applicant has taken and satisfactorily completed~~  
2       ~~in a college, a residence course of professional~~  
3       ~~instruction in podiatric medicine, which has been~~  
4       ~~approved by the board; and~~

5       ~~(3) The applicant is of demonstrated competence and~~  
6       ~~professional knowledge.]; and~~

7       (2) The applicant has completed at least twenty-four  
8       months in an accredited podiatric residency, as  
9       approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical  
10       Education, prior to applying for licensure; provided  
11       that an applicant who has graduated from an approved  
12       college before January 1, 2004, shall:

13       (A) Have completed at least twelve months in an  
14       accredited podiatric residency;

15       (B) Have at least ten years of active licensed  
16       experience in podiatric medicine in another  
17       state; and

18       (C) Hold a current, unencumbered license in podiatric  
19       medicine in another state;

20       provided further that the residency and active  
21       licensed experience requirements in this paragraph



1           shall not apply to podiatrists with current, active  
2           licenses to practice podiatric medicine in Hawaii."

3           SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2015.

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**Report Title:**

Podiatrists; Podiatry; Minimum Residency Requirements; Licensure

**Description:**

Adopts the national standard of a minimum of twenty-four months in an accredited podiatric residency prior to licensure as a podiatrist, beginning on 01/01/2015. Specifies separate requirements for out-of-state podiatrists who graduated from an approved college before 01/01/2004, who are seeking initial licensure in Hawaii. (SD1)

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