

LEGISLATIVE BILL 52

Approved by the Governor February 7, 1973

Introduced by Kennedy, 21

AN ACT to amend section 71-176, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, relating to the practice of podiatry; to change the manner in which schools are accredited; to provide requirements for annual license renewal; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 71-176, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

71-176. No school of podiatry shall be approved and accredited unless said school {4} is accredited by the Council on Podiatry Education of the American Podiatry Association, ~~†-(2)-requires-for-graduation;--or the receipt--of--a--chiroprody--or--podiatry--degree;--the completion-of-a-course-of-study-covering-a-period-of--at least-four-years;-(3)-gives-an-adequate-course--of--study in-the-subjects-mentioned-in-subdivision-(3)--of--section 71-175; and-(4)-publishes-in-a-regularly-issued-catalog the-requirements-for-graduation--and--degrees--as--herein specified.~~

Sec. 2. Each Nebraska licensed podiatrist in active practice within the State of Nebraska shall be required on or before April 1 of each year, commencing in 1975, to attend twelve hours annually of such approved scientific schools, clinics, forums, lectures, or podiatric educational seminars as may be announced and approved by the Board of Examiners in Podiatry, as a prerequisite for the licensee's next subsequent annual license renewal; Provided, that at least twelve hours of such educational program are conducted annually in the State of Nebraska.

Each licensed podiatrist in active practice within the State of Nebraska shall, on or before April 1 of each year, certify on an affidavit form provided by the Board of Examiners in Podiatry that he has complied with this section during the preceding year. Such board of examiners shall, on or before April 1 of each year, report all licensees who have complied with the educational requirements to the Director of the Bureau of Examining Boards of the Department of Health. Licensees

who have not complied with such requirements shall not be issued a renewal license, unless exempt or unable to comply due to circumstances beyond their control. Procedures for denial of renewal of the license of such licensees shall be identical to those for nonpayment of renewal fees and as provided in sections 71-110 and 71-149. The following licensees shall be exempt from the requirements of this section:

(1) Any person holding a Nebraska license but who is not practicing podiatry in Nebraska;

(2) Any licensee serving in the regular armed forces of the United States during any part of the twelve months immediately preceding the annual license renewal date;

(3) Any licensee submitting proof that he was suffering from a serious or disabling illness or physical disability which prevented his attendance at any qualified educational seminar within the State of Nebraska during the twelve months immediately preceding any annual license renewal date; and

(4) Any licensee first licensed within the twelve months immediately preceding the renewal date provided in section 71-110.

Sec. 3. That original section 71-176, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, is repealed.