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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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LAWS OF 1977 CHAPTER 46

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Sponsor(s) Linkala, Feldman

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SENATE, No. 722

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1976 SESSION

By Senators HIRKALA and FELDMAN

AN ACT to amend "An act relating to chiropody and podiatry, amending sections 45:5-1, 45:5-2, 45:5-7, 45:5-8, 45:5-9, 45:5-10, 45:5-11 and 45:5-15 and supplementing chapter 5 of Title 45 of the Revised Statutes and amending chapter 95, laws of 1943, approved April 7, 1943 (P. L. 1943, c. 95)," approved July 13, 1965 (P. L. 1965, c. 141).

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 10 of P. L. 1965, c. 141 (C. 45:5-5.2) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 10. Any person desiring to commence the practice of podiatry in
4 this State who has graduated from a college of podiatry approved
5 by the board after May 1, 1964 shall apply to the board for a license
6 so to do. Every such applicant for examination shall present to the
7 secretary of said board, at least 20 days before the commencement
8 of the examination at which he is to be examined, a written appli-
9 cation on a form provided by the board, together with satisfactory
10 proof that he is a citizen of the United States, more than 21 years of
11 age, is of good moral character, and

12 (1) He has obtained an academic education consisting of a 4-year
13 course of study in an approved public or private high school or the
14 equivalent thereof, and

15 (2) He has completed a satisfactory course of 2 full school years
16 in a legally incorporated and recognized college or university,
17 approved by the board, and

18 (3) He has studied podiatry for not less than 4 full school years,
19 including the satisfactory completion of 4 courses of at least 8
20 months each, in 4 different calendar years, *or has graduated from*
21 *an equivalent accelerated course*, in a legally incorporated Ameri-
22 can school or college of podiatry, requiring personal attendance,

23 in good standing in the opinion of said board, wherein the curricu-
24 lum of study included instruction in the following branches:
25 Practical podiatry, podiatric orthopedics, dermatology, diag-
26 nosis, anatomy, physiology, therapeutics in all its branches, pathol-
27 ogy, histology, bacteriology, pharmacy and materia medica,
28 chemistry, minor surgery and bandaging pertaining to the ailments
29 of the feet, and

30 (4) He has received a doctorate degree in podiatry, and

31 (5) Thereafter he has served an internship in a duly licensed
32 clinic, hospital, or institution, approved by the board, for 1 full
33 year devoted to the practice of podiatry in all its branches.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill would make graduates of accelerated courses in approved colleges of podiatric medicine and surgery eligible for licensure in New Jersey.

In an effort to provide the public more quickly with an adequate number of health care practitioners, the colleges of podiatric medicine and surgery, like several accredited medical schools, have established educational schedules which provide the same course content and the same total number of hours over a period of three calendar years as the current statute requires for a period of 4 calendar years.

No sacrifice in quality or quantity has been made. The only change is the elimination of summer and other extended vacations, which permits the full course of study and formal graduation to be accomplished more quickly.

To further protect the integrity of the current standards of qualification for licensure, the term "or has graduated from an equivalent accelerated course," is used, where the word "equivalent" will assure that there is no diminution of the educational standards now in force.

Currently there are several students in colleges of podiatric medicine and surgery who are natives of the State of New Jersey and who are anxiously awaiting word as to whether they will be permitted to return to their home state and to be eligible for license to practice.

It is to be noted that a precedent for this request is already established under R. S. 45:9-8, which, by amendment enacted in 1971 (P. L. 1971, c. 34) now provides that graduates of accelerated courses in medical colleges may be licensed to practice medicine and surgery by the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners.

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MARCH 23, 1977

KATHY FORSYTH

Governor Brendan Byrne signed a bill Wednesday which permits State-chartered savings banks, savings and loan associations and credit unions to invest in Israel Bonds and other foreign development bonds and obligations of international development banks approved by the Comptroller of the Currency for investment by national banks.

The bill, S-98, was sponsored by Senator Matthew Feldman D-Bergen.

Under the bill, investments will be subject to three conditions;

--that the investments also be approved by the Commissioner of Banking;

--that investments of this type do not exceed, in the aggregate, 5% of the institution's capital deposits, surplus and reserves; and

--that principle and interest on these investments be payable in United States dollars.

The Governor also signed a bill which makes graduates of "equivalent accelerated courses" in approved colleges of podiatric medicine and surgery eligible for licensure in New Jersey.

Under the bill, the student of podiatry, rather than being required to complete four school years in four separate calendar years, can complete the same total number of courses in a three year period.

However, the Board of Medical Examiners will determine what constitutes an "equivalent" accelerated course in order to maintain the quality of the educational program.

The bill, S-722, was sponsored by State Senator Joseph Hirkala (D-Passaic).
