

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 962

An act relating to orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics; amending s. 468.805, F.S.; revising grandfathering requirements for licensure to practice orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics without meeting statutory educational requirements; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsections (3) and (5) of section 468.805, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

468.805 Grandfathering.—

(3) An applicant who has received certification as an orthotist, a prosthetist, a prosthetist-orthotist, or a pedorthist from a national certifying body which requires the successful completion of an examination, may be licensed under this section without taking an additional examination. An applicant who has not received certification from a national certifying body which requires the successful completion of an examination before March 1, 1998, shall be required to take an examination as determined by the board. This examination shall be designed to determine if the applicant has the minimum qualifications needed to be licensed under this section, and the board may not limit the number of times that an applicant may sit for the examination. The applicant has until July 1, 2003, to complete the examination process. The board may charge an examination fee and the actual per applicant cost to the department for purchase or development of the examination.

(5) This section is repealed July 1, 2003 ~~2002~~.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 13, 2001.

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