

# CHAPTER 2021-136

## House Bill No. 17

An act relating to podiatric medicine; amending s. 461.007, F.S.; authorizing the Board of Podiatric Medicine to require a specified number of continuing education hours related to the safe and effective prescribing of controlled substances; creating s. 461.0155, F.S.; providing for governance of podiatric physicians who are supervising medical assistants; amending s. 624.27, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “health care provider” to include podiatric physicians; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 461.007, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

461.007 Renewal of license.—

(3) The board may by rule prescribe continuing education, not to exceed 40 hours biennially, as a condition for renewal of a license, with a minimum of 2 hours of continuing education related to the safe and effective prescribing of controlled substances. The criteria for such programs or courses shall be approved by the board.

Section 2. Section 461.0155, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

461.0155 Medical assistants.—A podiatric physician who is supervising a medical assistant shall be governed by s. 458.3485.

Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 624.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

624.27 Direct health care agreements; exemption from code.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(b) “Health care provider” means a health care provider licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, ~~chapter 461~~, chapter 464, or chapter 466, or a health care group practice, who provides health care services to patients.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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