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HOUSE BILL NO. 275

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PODIATRY: Authorizes podiatrists to obtain patient histories and perform physical examinations under certain conditions

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:623.1, relative to podiatry; to authorize podiatrists to obtain patient
3 histories under certain conditions; to authorize podiatrists to perform physical
4 examinations under certain conditions; to provide for rules and regulations of the
5 Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners relative to podiatry; to provide for an
6 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:623.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §623.1. Patient history and physical examination; authorization

10 A person licensed by the board to engage in the practice of podiatry in this
11 state may obtain a preoperative patient history and perform a physical examination
12 for a procedure that the podiatrist is authorized to perform under the scope of his
13 license, subject to applicable regulations and requirements provided in rules duly
14 promulgated by the board.

15 Section 2. Section 1 of this Act shall become effective upon promulgation by the
16 Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, in accordance with the Administrative
17 Procedure Act, of rules relative to acquisition of patient histories and performance of
18 physical examinations by podiatrists.

19 Section 3. Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall become effective upon signature by the
20 governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become

1 law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the
2 Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the
3 legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes podiatrists to obtain patient histories and perform physical examinations under certain conditions.

Proposed law authorizes podiatrists, subject to applicable regulations and requirements set forth in rules promulgated by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners, to:

- (1) Obtain a preoperative patient history.
- (2) Perform a physical examination for a procedure that the podiatrist is authorized to perform under the scope of his license.

Upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action, proposed law becomes effective upon promulgation by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners of rules relative to acquisition of patient histories and performance of physical examinations by podiatrists.

(Adds R.S. 37:623.1)