

By: Representative Holden

To: Public Health and
Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 830

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-27-12, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWAL FEE FOR PODIATRISTS AND
3 PROVIDE THAT A PORTION OF THOSE FEES SHALL BE USED TO SUPPORT A
4 PROGRAM TO AID IMPAIRED LICENSEES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 SECTION 1. Section 73-27-12, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 73-27-12. (1) The license of every person licensed to
9 practice podiatry in the State of Mississippi shall be renewed
10 annually.

11 On or before May 1 of each year, the State Board of Medical
12 Licensure shall mail an application for renewal of license to
13 every podiatrist to whom a license was issued or renewed during
14 the current licensing year. The applicant shall complete the
15 application and return it to the board * * * before June 30 with
16 the renewal fee of an amount established by the board, but not to
17 exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), a portion of which fee shall
18 be used to support a program to aid impaired podiatrists. Upon
19 receipt of the application and fee, the board * * * shall verify
20 the accuracy of the application and issue to applicant a
21 certificate of renewal for the ensuing year, beginning July 1 and
22 expiring June 30 of the succeeding calendar year. Such renewal

23 shall render the holder thereof a legal practitioner as stated on
24 the renewal form.

25 (2) Any podiatrist practicing in Mississippi who allows his
26 license to lapse by failing to renew the license as provided in
27 subsection (1) may be reinstated by the board * * * on
28 satisfactory explanation for such failure to renew, by completion
29 of a reinstatement form, and upon payment of the renewal fee for
30 the current year, and shall be assessed a fine of Twenty-five
31 Dollars (\$25.00) plus an additional fine of Five Dollars (\$5.00)
32 for each month thereafter that the license renewal remains
33 delinquent.

34 (3) Any podiatrist not practicing in Mississippi who allows
35 his license to lapse by failing to renew the license as provided
36 in subsection (1) may be reinstated by the board on satisfactory
37 explanation for such failure to renew, by completion of a
38 reinstatement form and upon payment of all arrearage and the
39 renewal fee for the current year.

40 (4) Any podiatrist who allows his license to lapse shall be
41 notified by the board of medical licensure within thirty (30) days
42 of such lapse.

43 (5) Any person practicing as a licensed podiatrist during
44 the time his license has lapsed shall be considered an illegal
45 practitioner and shall be subject to penalties set forth in
46 Section 73-27-17, provided he has not submitted the required
47 reinstatement form and fee within fifteen (15) days after
48 notification by the board * * * of such lapse.

49 (6) Fees collected under the provisions of this section
50 shall be used by the board * * * to defray expenses of
51 administering the licensure provisions of Title 73, Chapter 27,
52 Mississippi Code of 1972, and to support a program to aid impaired
53 podiatrists in an amount determined by the board.

54 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
55 and after July 1, 1999.