

By: Senator(s) Johnson (19th)

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2828

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.