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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would relate to the licensing of
9 prosthetists and orthotists. The bill would define
10 an orthotic fitter, would specify that an orthotic
11 supplier provides non-custom orthoses, and would
12 further specify that the licensing law applies to a
13 licensed therapeutic shoe fitter instead of using
14 the term registered therapeutic shoe fitter. The
15 bill would also conform the abbreviated licensure
16 titles in the law.

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18 A BILL
19 TO BE ENTITLED
20 AN ACT

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22 To amend Sections 34-25A-3, 34-25A-4, 34-25A-5,
23 34-25A-7, and 34-25A-11 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating
24 to the State Board of Prosthetists and Orthotists; to further
25 provide for definitions; to specify that an orthotic supplier
26 provides non-custom orthoses; to specify that the law applies

1 to licensed therapeutic shoe fitters; and to conform the
2 abbreviated licensure titles in the law.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. Sections 34-25A-3, 34-25A-4, 34-25A-5,
5 34-25A-7, and 34-25A-11 of the Code of Alabama 1975, are
6 amended to read as follows:

7 "§34-25A-3.

8 "As used in this chapter, the following terms shall
9 have the following meanings:

10 "(1) ACCREDITED FACILITY. A facility where
11 prosthetic, orthotic, prosthetic and orthotic, or pedorthic
12 care is provided to patients needing such care and has met the
13 requirements of the board for such designation. The board
14 shall require that all accredited facilities meet the
15 requirements of a national certifying board, recognized by the
16 state board in prosthetics, orthotics, and pedorthics
17 accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies
18 (NCCA) in the discipline or disciplines for which the
19 application is made.

20 "(2) ACCREDITED PEDORTHIC FACILITY. A facility where
21 pedorthic care may be provided that has met the requirements
22 of the board for such designation. An accredited pedorthic
23 facility shall contain a site that includes at least the
24 following equipment: Sanding/grinding equipment suitable for
25 use, an oven for plastics and foams used in the fabrication of
26 pedorthic devices, and a vacuum device for forming pedorthic
27 devices.

1 "(3) AUTHORIZED HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER. A
2 physician licensed to practice medicine or a person licensed
3 or authorized to practice podiatry pursuant to Article 6
4 (commencing with Section 34-24-230) of Chapter 24.

5 "(4) BOARD. The Alabama State Board of Prosthetists
6 and Orthotists.

7 "(5) CHIROPRACTOR. A person licensed and acting
8 within the definition as found in Section 34-24-120.

9 "(6) MASTECTOMY FITTER. A health care professional
10 who is specifically educated and trained in the provision of
11 breast prostheses and post-mastectomy services, including
12 patient assessment, formulation of a treatment plan,
13 implementation of the treatment plan, and follow-up and
14 practice management, which is consistent with nationally
15 recognized programs which are accredited by the National
16 Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

17 "(7) OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST/OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST
18 ASSISTANT/OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST AIDE. A person who is
19 licensed as an occupational therapist, or occupational
20 therapist assistant, or occupational therapist aide as defined
21 in Section 34-39-3.

22 "(8) ORTHOSIS. A custom-fabricated, definitive brace
23 or support that is designed for long-term use.

24 Custom-fabricated orthoses, also known as custom-made
25 orthoses, are devices designed and made from raw materials or
26 commercially available components for a specific patient and
27 require the generation of an image, form, or mold that

1 replicates the patient's body or body segment and involves the
2 rectification of dimensions, contours, and volumes to achieve
3 proper fit, comfort, and function for that specific patient.
4 Except for the treatment of scoliosis, orthosis does not
5 include prefabricated or direct-formed orthotic devices, as
6 defined in this subdivision and does not include any of the
7 following items: Commercially available knee orthoses used
8 following injury or surgery; upper extremity adaptive
9 equipment; finger splints; leather wrist gauntlets; face masks
10 used following burns; wheelchair seating that is an integral
11 part of the wheelchair and not worn by the patient independent
12 of the wheelchair; fabric or elastic supports; corsets; arch
13 supports, also known as non-custom or prefabricated orthotics;
14 low-temperature formed plastic splints; trusses; elastic hose;
15 canes; crutches; cervical collars; dental appliances, and
16 other similar devices as determined by the board, such as
17 those commonly carried in stock by a pharmacy, hospital,
18 rehabilitation facility, department store, corset shop, or
19 surgical supply facility. Prefabricated orthoses, also known
20 as custom-fitted or off-the-shelf, are devices that are
21 manufactured as commercially available items for no particular
22 patient. Direct-formed orthoses are devices formed or shaped
23 during the molding process directly on the patient's body or
24 body segment.

25 "(9) ORTHOTIC FITTER. A health care practitioner,
26 licensed with the board, who is specifically educated and
27 trained in the provision of certain orthoses, including

1 patient assessment, formulation of a treatment plan,
2 follow-up, and practice management, consistent with nationally
3 recognized programs accredited by the National Commission for
4 Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

5 "~~(9)~~ (10) ORTHOTICS. The science and practice of
6 evaluating, measuring, designing, fabricating, assembling,
7 fitting, adjusting, or servicing, as well as providing the
8 initial training necessary to accomplish the fitting of, an
9 orthosis for the support, correction, or alleviation of
10 neuromuscular or musculoskeletal dysfunction, disease, injury,
11 or deformity. The practice of orthotics encompasses
12 evaluations and consultation and continuing care, with basic
13 observational gait and posture analysis. Orthotists assess the
14 need for and measure, design, manufacture, and fit orthoses to
15 maximize function and provide not only the support but the
16 alignment necessary to either prevent or correct deformity or
17 to improve the safety and efficiency of mobility or
18 locomotion, or both. Orthotic practice includes periodic
19 evaluation and consultation to assess its effect on the
20 patient's tissue and assure proper fit and function of the
21 orthotic device.

22 "~~(10)~~ (11) ORTHOTIC SUPPLIER. A person licensed with
23 the board who is employed by or has a contractual relationship
24 with a manufacturer of orthoses or orthosis components and who
25 has complied with the registration requirements of the board.

26 "~~(11)~~ (12) ORTHOTIST. A person licensed to practice
27 orthotics under this chapter.

1 "~~(12)~~ (13) ORTHOTIST ASSISTANT. A person licensed
2 under terms to be defined by the board and employed by the
3 same agency as his or her licensed referring evaluator.

4 "~~(13)~~ (14) PEDORTHIC DEVICE. Custom therapeutic
5 shoes, diabetic shoes if prescribed by an authorized health
6 care practitioner for the treatment of partial or complete
7 amputation of the foot, foot ulceration, pre-ulcerative
8 callous, or foot deformity, shoe modifications made for
9 therapeutic purposes, partial foot prostheses, and foot
10 orthoses and orthoses for use from the knee and below used for
11 the treatment or alleviation, or both, of a condition that has
12 its origin in the foot. A pedorthic device addresses a medical
13 condition of the foot below the ankle and is prescribed by an
14 authorized health care practitioner.

15 "~~(14)~~ (15) PEDORTHICS. The design, manufacture,
16 modification, or fit of custom shoes, orthoses, and pedorthic
17 devices to prevent or alleviate foot problems caused by
18 disease, congenital defect, overuse, or injury.

19 "~~(15)~~ (16) PEDORTHIST. A person who is licensed to
20 practice pedorthics under this chapter.

21 "~~(16)~~ (17) PHYSICAL THERAPIST/PHYSICAL THERAPIST
22 ASSISTANT/PHYSICAL THERAPIST TECHNICIAN. A person who is
23 licensed to practice as defined in Section 34-24-191.

24 "~~(17)~~ (18) PHYSICIAN. A person who is a doctor of
25 medicine or a doctor of osteopathy licensed to practice.

1 "~~(18)~~ (19) PODIATRIST. A person licensed or
2 authorized to practice podiatry pursuant to Article 6 of
3 Chapter 24.

4 "~~(19)~~ (20) PROSTHESIS. A definitive artificial limb
5 that is alignable or articulated or, in lower extremity
6 applications, capable of bearing weight. Prosthesis means an
7 artificial medical device that is not surgically implanted and
8 that is used to replace a missing limb, appendage, or other
9 external human body part and that includes an artificial limb,
10 hand, or foot. The term does not include artificial eyes,
11 ears, dental appliances, ostomy products, devices such as
12 artificial breasts or eyelashes, wigs, or other devices as
13 determined by the board that do not have a significant impact
14 on the musculoskeletal functions of the body.

15 "~~(20)~~ (21) PROSTHETICS. The science and practice of
16 evaluating, measuring, designing, fabricating, assembling,
17 fitting, aligning, adjusting, or servicing, as well as
18 providing the initial education necessary to accomplish the
19 wearing and use of a prosthesis, through the replacement of
20 external parts of a human body lost due to amputation or
21 congenital deformities or absences. The practice of
22 prosthetics also includes the generation of an image, form, or
23 mold that replicates the patient's body or body segment and
24 that requires rectification of dimensions, contours, and
25 volumes for use in the design and fabrication of a socket to
26 accept a residual limb to create an artificial appendage that
27 is designed either to support body weight or to improve or

1 restore function or cosmesis, or both. Involved in the
2 practice of prosthetics is observational gait analysis and
3 clinical assessment of the requirements necessary to refine
4 and mechanically fix the relative position of various parts of
5 the prosthesis to maximize the function, stability, and safety
6 of the patient. The practice of prosthetics includes
7 evaluation, consultation, and providing continuing patient
8 care in order to assess the effect of the prosthetic device on
9 the patient's tissues and to assure proper fit and function of
10 the prosthetic device.

11 ~~"(21)~~ (22) PROSTHETIST. A person who is licensed to
12 practice prosthetics under this chapter.

13 ~~"(22)~~ (23) PROSTHETIST ASSISTANT. A person licensed
14 under terms to be defined by the board and employed by the
15 same agency as his or her licensed referring evaluator.

16 ~~"(23)~~ (24) PROSTHETIST/ORTHOTIST. A person licensed
17 to practice prosthetics and orthotics under this chapter.

18 ~~"(24)~~ (25) THERAPEUTIC SHOE FITTER. A health care
19 professional who is specifically educated and trained to
20 provide non-custom therapeutic shoes and non-custom
21 multi-density inserts. This includes patient assessment,
22 formulation of a plan, implementation of the treatment plan,
23 follow-up, and practice management.

24 "§34-25A-4.

25 "(a) A licensed prosthetist, licensed orthotist, or
26 licensed prosthetist/orthotist may provide services utilizing
27 new prostheses or orthoses for which he or she is licensed and

1 only under a written order from an authorized health care
2 practitioner. A consultation with and periodic review by an
3 authorized health care practitioner is not required for the
4 evaluation, repair, adjusting, or servicing of a prosthesis by
5 a licensed prosthetist, or licensed prosthetist/orthotist and
6 for the evaluation, repair, adjusting, or servicing of an
7 orthosis by a licensed orthotist, or licensed
8 prosthetist/orthotist; nor is an order from an authorized
9 health care practitioner required for maintenance or
10 replacement of an orthosis or prosthesis to the level of its
11 original prescription for an indefinite period of time if the
12 original order remains appropriate for the patient's medical
13 needs.

14 "(b) Prosthetists and orthotists must refer persons
15 receiving service to authorized health care practitioners if
16 they have reasonable cause to believe symptoms or conditions
17 are present that require services beyond the scope of their
18 practice or for which the prescribed prosthetic or orthotic
19 service is contraindicated.

20 "(c) An orthotic supplier may engage in one or more
21 of the following: Evaluating, measuring, designing,
22 fabricating, assembling, fitting, adjusting, servicing,
23 repairing, replacing, or delivering non-custom orthoses. An
24 orthotic supplier may provide non-custom orthoses in
25 hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, physician's offices,
26 physician's clinics, or other sites as required. An orthotic
27 supplier shall provide non-custom orthoses based on a written

1 prescription from an authorized health care practitioner and
2 under the supervision of such authorized health care
3 practitioner.

4 "§34-25A-5.

5 "(a) Except as provided in subsection (h) or (i), no
6 person shall administer prosthetic, orthotic, or pedorthic
7 care in this state unless licensed or registered to do so in
8 accordance with this chapter. The board shall issue approved
9 forms for application prior to January 1, 2003.

10 "(b) In order to obtain a license as a prosthetist,
11 orthotist, or prosthetist/orthotist in this state, an
12 applicant shall be a citizen of the United States or, if not a
13 citizen of the United States, a person who is legally present
14 in the United States with appropriate documentation from the
15 federal government, and shall do the following:

16 "(1) File a written application on forms to be
17 developed and approved by the board. The applicant shall meet
18 at least one of the following requirements after a one-year
19 grandfather period:

20 "a. The applicant shall possess a baccalaureate
21 degree in orthotics and prosthetics from a college or
22 university accredited by a regional accrediting agency and
23 complete 1,900 hours per discipline sought of directed
24 employment under the supervision of a certified/licensed
25 prosthetist, a certified/licensed orthotist or a
26 certified/licensed prosthetist/orthotist in an accredited
27 facility, and be certified as a prosthetist, orthotist, or

1 prosthetist/orthotist by a nationally recognized certifying
2 board in orthotics and prosthetics accredited by the National
3 Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), or such other
4 national agency as approved by the board, in the discipline or
5 disciplines for which the application is made.

6 "b. The applicant shall possess a baccalaureate
7 degree from a regionally accredited college or university and
8 have successfully completed a post-baccalaureate certificate
9 course approved by the board and completed 1,900 hours of
10 directed employment per discipline in which license is sought
11 under the supervision of a certified/licensed prosthetist, a
12 certified/licensed orthotist, or a certified/licensed
13 prosthetist/orthotist in an accredited facility, and be
14 certified by a nationally recognized certifying board in
15 prosthetics or orthotics accredited by the National Commission
16 for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), or such other national agency
17 as approved by the board, in the discipline or disciplines for
18 which application is made.

19 "c. The applicant shall possess an associate's
20 degree from a regionally accredited college or university,
21 junior college, or community college and have successfully
22 completed postsecondary coursework in anatomy, physiology,
23 physics, biology, chemistry, algebra, and calculus and have
24 worked under the supervision of a certified/licensed
25 prosthetist, a certified/licensed orthotist, or a
26 certified/licensed prosthetist/orthotist for not less than
27 four consecutive years of the past six years in an accredited

1 facility, and be certified by a nationally recognized
2 certifying board in prosthetics or orthotics accredited by the
3 National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), or such
4 other national agency as may be approved by the board.

5 "d. The applicant shall have successfully completed
6 postsecondary coursework in anatomy, physiology, physics,
7 biology, chemistry, algebra, and calculus and have worked
8 under the supervision of a certified/licensed prosthetist, a
9 certified/licensed orthotist, or a certified/licensed
10 prosthetist/orthotist for not less than eight years of the
11 last 12 years and be certified as a prosthetist, orthotist, or
12 prosthetist/orthotist by a nationally recognized board
13 accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies
14 (NCCA), or such national agency as may be approved by the
15 board, in the discipline or disciplines for which application
16 is made.

17 "(2) Any applicant after the first year following
18 the board's issuance of applications shall meet the
19 requirements of paragraph a., b., or d. of subdivision (1) of
20 subsection (b) prior to receiving a license as a prosthetist,
21 an orthotist, or a prosthetist/orthotist.

22 "(c) In order to obtain a license as a pedorthist in
23 this state, an applicant shall be a citizen of the United
24 States or, if not a citizen of the United States, a person who
25 is legally present in the United States with appropriate
26 documentation from the federal government, and shall file a
27 written application on forms to be developed and approved by

1 the board. Applicants shall be in good standing as a certified
2 pedorthist with an entity accredited by the National
3 Commission for Certifying Agencies.

4 "(d) In order to obtain registration as an orthotic
5 supplier, an applicant shall be a citizen of the United States
6 or, if not a citizen of the United States, a person who is
7 legally present in the United States with appropriate
8 documentation from the federal government, and shall do the
9 following:

10 "(1) File a written application on forms to be
11 developed and approved by the board. Such forms shall require
12 personal information such as full name, current address,
13 educational status and history, and work history for the last
14 five years of employment.

15 "(2) The application forms shall be accompanied,
16 when submitted, by attestation of employment by or contractual
17 relationship with a manufacturer of orthoses or orthosis
18 components whether registered with the United States Food and
19 Drug Administration or not. Attestation shall be by notarized
20 statement signed by the president, chief operating officer, or
21 other designated corporate official of the employing company.

22 "(e) The board shall grant a license without an
23 examination for those qualified applicants who apply within
24 one year of the issuance of application forms by the board.
25 For purposes of this subsection, qualified applicants are
26 those who possess current credentials as a Certified
27 Prosthetist, Certified Orthotist, or Certified

1 Prosthetist/Orthotist issued by the American Board for
2 Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics, Incorporated, or
3 the Board for Orthotist/Prosthetist Certification as a
4 prosthetist, orthotist, or prosthetist/orthotist.

5 "(f) The board may issue a 12-month temporary
6 license as a prosthetist, an orthotist, a pedorthist, or a
7 prosthetist/orthotist to persons who have applied for
8 licensure and are awaiting examination. The temporary license
9 is renewable once for a six-month period if the applicant
10 fails to pass the examination at the first sitting.

11 "(g) The board shall grant a license as a
12 prosthetist, an orthotist, a prosthetist/orthotist, or
13 pedorthist to an applicant in possession of a current license
14 as a prosthetist, orthotist, prosthetist/orthotist, or
15 pedorthist in another state or territory of the United States
16 without examination if the board determines that the
17 credentialing standards set by the other state or territory
18 are substantially equivalent to the standards set by the board
19 for this state.

20 "(h) No person may represent himself or herself as a
21 licensed prosthetist, licensed orthotist, licensed
22 prosthetist/orthotist, or licensed pedorthist, use a title or
23 description of services, or engage in the practice of
24 prosthetics, orthotics, or pedorthics without applying for
25 licensure, meeting the required qualifications, and being
26 licensed by the board unless otherwise exempted by this
27 chapter. A person not licensed with the board may not

1 represent himself or herself as being so licensed and may not
2 use, in connection with his or her name, the words licensed
3 orthotist, orthotist, licensed prosthetist, prosthetist,
4 licensed prosthetist/orthotist, prosthetist/orthotist,
5 licensed pedorthist, pedorthist, licensed orthotic fitter,
6 orthotic fitter, licensed mastectomy fitter, mastectomy
7 fitter, licensed therapeutic shoe fitter, therapeutic shoe
8 fitter, or letters "L.O.," "L.P.," "L.P.O.," "L.O.A.," "LPed,"
9 "L.P.A.," "L.P.O.A.," "L.M.F.," "L.O.F.," "L.T.S.F." or other
10 letters, words, signs, numbers, or insignia indicating or
11 implying that he or she is either a licensed prosthetist, a
12 licensed orthotist, a licensed prosthetist/orthotist, a
13 licensed pedorthist, a licensed mastectomy fitter, a licensed
14 therapeutic shoe fitter, or a licensed orthotic fitter in the
15 State of Alabama without first having a valid license. The
16 license shall be posted in a conspicuous location at the
17 person's work site.

18 "(i) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to
19 prohibit or restrict the following:

20 "(1) The practice of prosthetics, orthotics, or
21 pedorthics by individuals authorized and performing services
22 within their authorized scopes of practice as adopted by the
23 State of Alabama Legislature including, but not limited to,
24 authorized health care practitioners, doctors of podiatry,
25 chiropractors, physical therapists, and occupational
26 therapists licensed in this state.

1 "(2) The practice of prosthetics, orthotics, or
2 pedorthics by an individual employed by, or in the service of
3 the government of the United States of America while engaged
4 in the performance of duties prescribed by the laws of the
5 United States of America.

6 "(3) The practice of prosthetics, orthotics, or
7 pedorthics by any person not licensed as a prosthetist,
8 orthotist, prosthetist/orthotist, or pedorthist in accordance
9 with this chapter who is employed in a diagnostic laboratory,
10 hospital, rehabilitation facility, or authorized health care
11 practitioner's office or as a medical lab technician or
12 technologist whose function is to administer treatment or
13 perform diagnostic procedures confined to that laboratory or
14 office under the direction of an authorized health care
15 practitioner.

16 "(4) The practice of prosthetics, orthotics, or
17 pedorthics by a person who is a regular or full-time student
18 in a prosthetic or orthotic educational program approved by
19 the board, and whose designated status is student or trainee.

20 "(5) A person fulfilling the supervised residency or
21 internship experience requirements described in this chapter.

22 "(6) A person who meets the qualifications listed in
23 paragraphs a, b, c, and d of subdivision (1) of subsection (b)
24 from performing prosthetic, orthotic, or pedorthic services in
25 this state, provided the services are not performed for more
26 than 60 days per 12-month period, after notification to the
27 board.

1 "(7) The practice of pharmacy by an individual
2 subject to Chapter 23 of this title.

3 "§34-25A-7.

4 "The board shall perform all the following duties:

5 "(1) Establish and publish continuing education
6 requirements such that a licensed orthotist or a licensed
7 prosthetist or a licensed pedorthist is required to complete a
8 minimum of hours of continuing education and a licensed
9 prosthetist/orthotist is required to complete a minimum of
10 hours of continuing education in each year of a license
11 renewal period. The minimum hours provided in this subdivision
12 shall be established by a national recognized certifying board
13 accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies
14 (NCCA), or such other national agency as approved by the
15 board.

16 "(2) Examine for, approve, deny, revoke, suspend,
17 reinstate, and renew licensure accreditation or registration
18 of duly qualified applicants and develop, promulgate, and
19 establish fines, penalties, and requirements for reinstatement
20 of licensure, accreditation, or registration.

21 "(3) Receive applications, issue licenses,
22 accreditations, or registrations to applicants who have met
23 the requirements for licensure, accreditation, or
24 registration, and deny licenses, accreditations, or
25 registrations to applicants who do not meet the minimum
26 qualifications.

1 "(4) Hire administrative, clerical, investigative,
2 and other staff as needed to implement this chapter and hire
3 individuals licensed under this chapter to serve as examiners
4 for any practical examinations required by the board either
5 within the state classified service or not within it.

6 "(5) Promulgate and publish rules and regulations in
7 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to administer
8 this chapter. Any rule or regulation defining the scope of
9 practice or permissible activities of a licensed orthotist,
10 licensed prosthetist, or a licensed prosthetist/orthotist or a
11 registered orthotic supplier shall be published jointly with
12 the State Board of Medical Examiners.

13 "(6) Develop and promulgate requirements and
14 establish fees for the licensure of mastectomy fitters,
15 orthotic fitters, therapeutic shoe fitters, orthotic
16 assistants, prosthetic assistants, or prosthetic/orthotic
17 assistants. Such licenses shall be regulated and issued by the
18 board.

19 "(7) Prepare and administer, or approve the
20 preparation and administration of, examinations for applicants
21 for licensure.

22 "§34-25A-11.

23 "(a) The board shall issue an orthotic, prosthetic,
24 or prosthetic/orthotic license or an orthotic supplier
25 ~~registration~~ license to any person who meets the
26 qualifications required by this chapter and who pays the
27 respective fees fixed by the board.

1 "(b) Any person who is issued a license as an
2 orthotic, prosthetic, or prosthetic/orthotic practitioner or
3 orthotic assistant, prosthetic assistant, or
4 prosthetic/orthotic assistant under this chapter may use the
5 words licensed orthotist, licensed prosthetist, licensed
6 prosthetist/orthotist, licensed orthotist assistant, licensed
7 prosthetist assistant, or licensed prosthetist/orthotist
8 assistant, or the letters "L.O.," "L.P.," "L.P.O.," "L.O.A.,"
9 "LPed," "L.P.A.," or "L.P.O.A.," "L.M.F.," "L.O.F.," or
10 "L.T.S.F." in connection with his or her name to denote his or
11 her licensure. Any person issued ~~registration~~ a license as an
12 orthotic supplier under this chapter may use the words
13 ~~registered~~ licensed orthotic supplier or the letters ~~"R.O.S."~~
14 "L.O.S." in connection with his or her name to denote his or
15 her registration.

16 "(c) A license ~~or registration~~ issued under this
17 chapter shall be subject to annual or semiannual renewal as
18 prescribed by rule or regulation duly promulgated and
19 published by the board."

20 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
21 first day of the third month following its passage and
22 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.