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Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine intends to promulgate rules in compliance with Acts 112, 315, 820, 990, and 1011 of 2019. The substantive proposed changes include:

- In compliance with Act 112, adds provisions regarding the prescribing and dispensing of Schedule II narcotics. Prohibits the dispensing of Schedule II narcotics. Adds language from the Medical Board rules regarding prescriptions. Also requires licensees to check the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program when prescribing or face disciplinary action.
- Amends the Board's current license reinstatement provision to comply with Ark. Code Ann. § 17-1-107.
- In compliance with Act 1011, amends reciprocity requirements for applicants who hold substantially similar licenses in other states and are sufficiently competent. Provides that an applicant's podiatric medicine license in another state is substantially similar to an Arkansas license if the applicant graduated from an accredited podiatric medicine school and completed a residency as specified in statute. Such applicant is considered "sufficiently competent" if the applicant has passed specified examinations. The Board based these provisions on the model rule by the Attorney General's Office.
- Amends the Board's existing provisional license requirements to comply with Act 1011. The Board based this provision on the model rule by the Attorney General's Office.
- In compliance with Act 990, amends the crimes for which the Board can take action by referencing the crimes listed in A.C.A. § 17-3-102. Using the Attorney General's model language, adds provisions for a pre-criminal background check and waiver request.
- Pursuant to Act 820, and using the Attorney General's model language, provides automatic licensure for certain members of the military and their spouses.
- Adds provisions regarding the filing and handling of complaints.
- Allows the enumerated duties of the Board's Secretary-Treasurer to be delegated to Board staff.
- Adds the Board's fees, which the Board has been charging based on statutory authority. Initial license fee is \$200 and renewal fee is \$75.
- The proposed changes also include "housekeeping" matters, such as replacing "regulation" with rule, pursuant to act 315; deleting obsolete application requirements; updating and clarifying terminology.

The proposed rule is available on the Board's website at:
<http://www.podiatricmedicine.arkansas.gov>

The Board will accept comments on the proposed rule from February 7, 2020 to March 10, 2020. Please send comments to: arpodiatryboard@gmail.com or

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