

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 22

By: Senator Irvin

By: Representative L. Johnson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR
CERTIFICATION TO PRACTICE AS AN ORTHOTIC ASSISTANT,
ORTHOTIC/PROSTHETIC ASSISTANT, OR PROSTHETIC
ASSISTANT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO MODIFY THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR
CERTIFICATION TO PRACTICE AS AN ORTHOTIC
ASSISTANT, ORTHOTIC/PROSTHETIC
ASSISTANT, OR PROSTHETIC ASSISTANT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-107-304 is amended to read as follows:

17-107-304. Orthotic assistants, orthotic/prosthetic assistants, and prosthetic assistants.

An applicant for certification to practice as an orthotic assistant, an orthotic/prosthetic assistant, or a prosthetic assistant shall submit to the Arkansas Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics Advisory Board written evidence verified by oath that the applicant either:

(1) Meets the following requirements:

(A) Possesses a high school diploma or comparable credential approved by the board;

~~(2)~~(B) Has a minimum of:

(i) Three ~~three~~ (3) years of experience in the field in which the individual is seeking licensure as an assistant; or



(ii) Two (2) years of experience in the field in which the individual is seeking licensure as an assistant and has a minimum of three (3) semester hours of higher education in the subjects of human anatomy and physiology and medical terminology; and

~~(3)(C)~~ Has written documentation from a prosthetist or an orthotist that the applicant is qualified to perform as an assistant in the field in which the individual is seeking licensure as an assistant; or

(2)(A) Has graduated from a master's level orthotic, prosthetic, or orthotic/prosthetic educational program approved by the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education and is in a residency program.

(B) An orthotic assistant, an orthotic/prosthetic assistant, or a prosthetic assistant certified under subdivision (2)(A) of this section shall maintain certification until he or she completes the residency program.

/s/Irvin