Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015

SENATE BILL NO. 2067
(Industry, Business and Labor Committee)
(At the request of the North Dakota Board of Podiatric Medicine)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 43-05-15 and 43-05-16.8 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to podiatrist license renewal.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 43-05-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-05-15. Renewal of license - Fee - Established by board - Failure to pay - Reinstatement.

Each licensed and practicing podiatrist shall pay the annual renewal license fee established by the board. The license fee may be increased in accordance with the number of years licensed and practicing in North Dakota, but may not exceed ~~five hundred~~seven hundred fifty dollars. The fee must be paid on or before the renewal date established by the board. The person is entitled to an annual certificate or license upon payment of the fee. If the renewal fee is not paid within six months after the date established by the board, the license of the delinquent licensee must be considered expired and may be revoked and may not be reissued except upon a new application and the payment of the renewal fee established by the board plus the late fee established by the board not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars and the costs of any hearing held concerning revocation of a license for nonpayment.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 43-05-16.8 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-05-16.8. Loan for litigation expenses.

Subject to approval by the emergency commission, the board may borrow funds sufficient to pay for attorney's fees and costs incurred in investigations, administrative proceedings, and litigation resulting from the board performing its duties. Notwithstanding section 43-05-15, the board may establish an annual renewal license fee for each year following the issuance of a loan under this section, and the fee must be maintained until the loan is fully repaid, including any accrued interest. The amount of the annual renewal license fee assessed under this section may not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars. Once the loan is paid in full, the annual renewal license fee must revert to the amount established by the board before the issuance of the loan. The notice of a proposed rule to assess the fee in this section or revert to the previous license fee may be sent by certified mail to each individual licensed by the board in lieu of the publication requirements for the notice in chapter 28-32.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2067.

Senate Vote:	Yeas 46	Nays 1	Absent 0
House Vote:	Yeas 66	Nays 25	Absent 3

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at 8:22 A M. on March 18, 2015.

Approved at 2:46 P. M. on March 18, 2015.

Governor

Filed in this office this 18th day of March, 2015,

at 4:21 o'clock P M.

Secretary of State