

Introduced by Committee on Business and Professions (Senators Figueroa (Chair), Johannessen, Machado, Morrow, Murray, O’Connell, and Polanco)

February 20, 2001

An act to amend Section 2471 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SB 349, as introduced, Committee on Business and Professions. Healing arts: podiatry.

Existing law, the Medical Practices Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of the practice of podiatric medicine by the California Board of Podiatric Medicine within the Medical Board of California. Pursuant to existing law, the podiatric medicine board may contract with consultants to assist the board in its enforcement program.

This bill would allow the board to employ all personnel necessary to carry out its duties subject to the appointment of investigative personnel by the Division of Investigation in the Department of Consumer Affairs. The bill would make the aforementioned contract and employment provisions affecting the podiatric medicine board inoperative as of July 1, 2003.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2471 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:



1 2471. (a) *Except as provided by Section 159.5, the board may*
2 *employ, within the limits of the funds received by the board, all*
3 *personnel necessary to carry out this chapter.*

4 (b) The board may select and contract with necessary podiatric
5 medical consultants who are licensed doctors of podiatric
6 medicine to assist it in its enforcement program on an intermittent
7 basis. No person may serve as a consultant for more than a total of
8 48 months unless there has been a break following his or her
9 achievement of that period of service of at least 36 months.
10 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the board may
11 contract with these consultants on a sole source basis.

12 ~~(b)~~

13 (c) Notwithstanding the limitation on service under
14 subdivision (a), the board may continue to contract with the
15 consultant who was responsible for investigating or prosecuting a
16 specific case if the case is continued past the term of the
17 consultant's contract.

18 ~~(c)~~

19 (d) For the purposes of Division 3.6 (commencing with Section
20 810) of Title 1 of the Government Code, any consultant under
21 contract with the board shall be considered a public employee.

22 (e) *This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2003, and,*
23 *as of January 1, 2004, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,*
24 *which becomes effective on or before January 1, 2004, deletes or*
25 *extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.*

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27 CORRECTIONS
28 **Heading — Line 3.**
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