

ARKANSAS SENATE
87th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2009
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 239

"AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE PHYSICIANS TO DELEGATE THE PERFORMANCE OF SOME
SIMPLE PROCEDURES TO EMPLOYEES."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 239.

Amend Senate Bill No. 239 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 9, delete "PHYSICIANS" and substitute "PHYSICIANS AND
PODIATRISTS"

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Immediately following SECTION 1, add an additional section to read as
follows:

"SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 96, Subchapter 2 is
amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

17-95-204. General authority of podiatrist to delegate.

(a)(1) A podiatrist may delegate to a qualified and properly trained
employee under the podiatrist's supervision the performance of tasks that do
not require substantial specialized judgment and skill based on knowledge and
applications of principles of biological, physical, and social sciences, as
determined by the Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine, if in the opinion of
the delegating podiatrist, the task:

(A) Can be properly and safely performed by the employee
to whom the task is delegated;

(B) Is performed in its customary manner; and

(C) Is performed within the physical boundaries of the
delegating podiatrist's offices.

(2) The employee to whom the delegation of the task is made
shall not be represented to the public as a licensed podiatrist, licensed
nurse, licensed podiatrist's assistant, or other licensed healthcare
provider.

(b) The delegating podiatrist remains responsible for the acts of the
employee performing the delegated task.

(c) This section does not authorize the Arkansas State Medical Board



to permit nor shall it repeal other acts that deal with specific tasks of
licensed health care providers."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Bledsoe

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Secretary