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A Bill

SENATE BILL 22

5 By: Senator Irvin
6 By: Representative L. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

16 TO MODIFY THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR
17 CERTIFICATION TO PRACTICE AS AN ORTHOTIC
18 ASSISTANT, ORTHOTIC/PROSTHETIC
19 ASSISTANT, OR PROSTHETIC ASSISTANT.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-107-304 is amended to read as follows:

25 17-107-304. Orthotic assistants, orthotic/prosthetic assistants, and
26 prosthetic assistants.

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

31 (1) Meeting the following requirements:

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

34 ~~(2)~~(B) Has a minimum of three (3) years of experience in the
35 field in which the individual is seeking licensure as an *assistant*; ~~and~~

36 ~~(3)~~(C) Has written documentation from a prosthetist or an



1 orthotist that the applicant is qualified to perform as an assistant in the
2 *field in which the individual is seeking licensure as an assistant; and*
3 (D) Has a minimum of three (3) semester hours of higher
4 education in the subjects of human anatomy and physiology and medical
5 terminology; or
6 (2) Has graduated from a graduate-level orthotic/prosthetic
7 educational program approved by the National Commission on Orthotic and
8 Prosthetic Education.

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