

CHAPTER 787

H.B. No. 802

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a podiatrist to certify certain disabilities for insurance purposes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 21, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Article 21.52A to read as follows:

Art. 21.52A. CERTIFICATION BY PODIATRIST. An insurance policy that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state and that provides benefits covering loss of income based on an acute and temporary disability caused by sickness or injury may not deny payment of those benefits on the ground that the acute and temporary disability is certified or attested to by a podiatrist licensed by the Texas State Board of Podiatry Examiners if the acute and temporary disability is caused by a sickness or injury that may be treated by acts performed by a licensed podiatrist under the scope of that license.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987, and applies to all policies delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 1988. Policies delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1, 1988, are subject to the law as it existed immediately before being amended by this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

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70th LEGISLATURE—REGULAR SESSION

Passed by the House on May 6, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 22, 1987, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 19, 1987.

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