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SB 238 Moving Through Legislative Process.

A bill to establish licensure for orthotist, prosthetists and pedorthists, Senate Bill 238 was introduced in January and is making its way through the legislative process at this time. Under the guidance of lobbyist Paul Lee (*Strategic Health Care*, Columbus), the bill is expected to move through the Senate Insurance and Commerce Committee without major stumbling blocks and proceed for a full Senate vote by early Spring. The bill will then be sent to the House where it will follow the same process in a House Committee and full House vote.

The process has been somewhat delayed when the bill's sponsor, Doug White (R-Manchester) became ill with pneumonia, was hospitalized, and was out of his office for several weeks. Senator White plans to present his sponsor testimony to the Senate Insurance Commerce Committee

on February 15.

Proponent testimony will take place within the next few weeks, after which time it is expected that the bill be voted out of Committee. Bradd Rosenquist, CPO (*Hanger, NovaCare*; Columbus) and Dr. Tom Lee (Columbus) are among those who will be offering proponent testimony.

Senator Doug White was recently invited by Ron Kidd to tour American Orthopedics, Columbus where he had an opportunity to learn firsthand about the complex demands of orthotics and prosthetics. Senator White's special interest in the bill is triggered in part by his granddaughter's use of



(L to R) are Tracy Slemker, Senator White, Ron Kidd and Dr. Tom Lee.

an orthotic device and his personal interest in the issue.

Questions about the bill or its current status may be directed to P.O.L.A. board members, Paul Lee or the state O & P office.

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SB 238 Analysis—Sponsored by Senator Doug White

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The purpose of this bill is to establish the State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics and provide for the licensure of orthotists, prosthetists, and pedorthists. Key elements of the bill are:

- ◆ Defines Orthotics, Pedorthics, Prosthetics, Prosthesis, and Devices.

Licensure

- ◆ The bill requires a license to practice orthotics, prosthetics orthotics and prosthetics or pedorthics valid for at least three years. The License must be prominently displayed in the place of business.
- ◆ To obtain licensure, the applicant must be 18 years of age or older, be of good moral character, and pay the applicable fee, as well as pass the examination conducted by the Board; OR
- ◆ Orthotics:
 - 1) The applicant prior to Jan. 1, 2008, must have practiced orthotics not less than eight months under the supervision of a licensed individual, and has completed an orthotics residency program approved by the Board, and

holds a bachelor's degree in orthotics and prosthetics from an accredited college or university or holds a bachelor's degree in a subject other than orthotics and prosthetics and has completed a certificate program recognized by the Board. OR

- 2) If application is made before January 1, 2006, the applicant holds an associate's degree from an accredited college or university or an equivalent credential from a foreign educational institution recognized by the Board, and has completed a certificate program in orthotics, and has 3 years of documented, full-time experience practicing or teaching orthotics. OR
- 3) If the application is before Jan. 1, 2008, the applicant holds a bachelor's degree or higher from a nationally accredited college or university or an equivalent credential from a foreign educational institution, and the applicant holds a valid

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S. O. A. R.—Special Opportunities for Amputee Rehabilitation

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Special Opportunities for Amputee Rehabilitation is a non-profit foundation that was started in 1989. The goal of our organization is to provide fitness and athletic activities for people with amputations in the region. Most rehabilitation following amputation focuses on returning to community ambulating. Many people could progress further than this. We as SOAR like to enable them to do so. We do this in several ways. We sponsor and run

clinics for various sports—running, down-hill skiing and cross country skiing. We help purchase adaptive equipment such as skis, outriggers and recumbent bicycles. We sponsor individuals to train and compete in athletic events or fitness programs. We have held a seminar to teach physical therapists and advanced amputee training techniques.

In March, we are holding our first triathlon. Our goal is not to discover the next paralympic

athlete (although we have sponsored a couple of paralympians). Our goal is to get as much participation as possible. The three events are short enough for most people to finish. There is also the option for people to enlist friends or family to do part of the triathlon.

Our organization is run entirely by volunteers. We raise funds with and annual golf outing. This outing serves several purposes; it is our primary fund-raiser, but is also allows prosthetic facilities, manufacturers and the public at large to see first hand the potential of these individuals with the right training.

Mark Your Calendars for June O & P Golf Outing

This year's O & P Golf Outing has been scheduled for Saturday, June 17 at the Bent Tree Golf Club. The annual event is being chaired this year once again by Bill Neu (*Hanger Orthopedic Group*).

Watch for more information in your mailbox about the outing. Questions about the event or corporate sponsorships may be directed to Bill Neu at 419/522-0055 or the state office at 614/457-4312.



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certificate issued by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics, the Board for Orthotist/Prosthetist, or an equivalent successor organization recognized by the Board, and has completed three years of documented, full-time experience practicing or teaching orthotics. OR

- 4) The applicant holds a bachelor's degree or higher, and has completed a certificate program in orthotics, and has completed a residency program in orthotics recognized by the Board or has three years of documented, full-time experience practicing or teaching orthotics.
- ◆ **Prosthetics:** Before Jan. 1, 2008
- 5) The applicant has practiced prosthetics for not less than eight months under the supervision of a licensed individual, has completed a prosthetics residency program, and holds a bachelor's degree in orthotics and prosthetics OR holds a bachelor's degree in a subject other than orthotics and prosthetics and has completed a certificate program in prosthetics. OR
- 6) If application is made before Jan. 1, 2006, the applicant holds an associate's degree and has completed a certificate program and has

three years of documented, full-time experience practicing or teaching prosthetics.

OR

- 7) If before Jan. 1, 2008, the applicant must hold a bachelor's degree or higher, hold a valid certificate issued by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics, the Board for Orthotist/Prosthetist Certification, or an equivalent successor and has completed three years of documented, full-time experience practicing or teaching prosthetics. OR
- 8) The applicant holds a bachelor's degree or higher and has completed a certificate program in prosthetics and has completed a residency program in prosthetics recognized by the Board or has three years of documented, full-time experience practicing or teaching prosthetics
- *To Practice Orthotics and Prosthetics*, the requirements are relatively the same as listed above.
 - *To Practice Pedorthics*, an applicant must meet all of the following:
 - ◆ Have practiced orthotics and prosthetics for not less than eight months under the supervision of a licensed individual licensed to practice pedorthics;
 - ◆ Hold a high school

diploma or certificate of high school equivalence; and;

- ◆ has completed the education, training, and experience required to take the certification examination developed by the Board for Certification in Pedorthics.

Supervision

- ◆ An individual who provides orthotic, prosthetic, or pedorthic services under the supervision of an individual licensed by this bill, may do so if:
 - The individual does not perform any services that the supervising professional is not authorized to perform;
 - During the initial evaluation of any patient who can reasonably be expected to require orthotic, prosthetic, or pedorthic services and during the fitting and delivery of an orthotic or pedorthic device or prosthesis, the supervising orthotist, prosthetist, orthotist-prosthetist,, or pedorthist is physically present;
 - At times other than those described above, the supervising orthotist, prosthetist, orthotist-prosthetist, or pedorthist is either physically present at the location where the individual is practicing or is readily available to the individual through some means of telecommunication and is in a location

that under normal circumstances is not more than sixty minutes travel time away from the location where the individual is practicing.

- No licensed individual may supervise more than four unlicensed individuals to practice orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics.

State Board

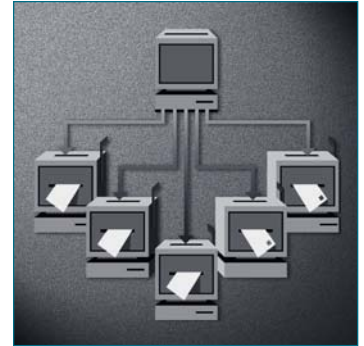
- ◆ The State Board consists of seven voting members who shall be residents of Ohio and appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms of three years.
- ◆ Two members of the Board shall be individuals who are certified by the American Board of Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics or an equivalent successor organization recognized by the Board.
- ◆ Two members shall be individuals who are certified by the Board for Orthotist/Prosthetist Certification.
- ◆ One member shall be an individual certified in pedorthics.
- ◆ One member shall be an individual authorized to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.
- ◆ One member shall be a consumer representative who is a consumer of orthotic or prosthetic goods and services.

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Are You Connected?

Did you know that there is a free service where over 1600 O&P professionals discuss clinical cases and other very interesting subject matter that is specific to our profession? The service is called the OANDP-L. It is an e-mail based discussion group, and it is very easy to use. You don't have to be a computer genius to get involved, and once you are subscribed the information is just sent directly to your e-mail box. You have the option to get involved in discussions, or to just watch and learn! It is a very unique forum that connects practitioners from around the world. If you have ever had a difficult case, or a request for a strange orthosis, this is the place to go. By simply sending an e-mail message to one address, your question is received by over 1600 practitioners who will often provide you with valuable insight and information within minutes. The forum is not for commercial use, so you will not be bombarded with unwanted sales pitches. OANDP-L has been endorsed by the Academy and ISPO as valuable methods for exchanging clinical information. To subscribe, simply go to www.oandp.com and fill out the subscription form, or contact Paul Prusakowski, CPO at paulcpo@oandp.com with a request to subscribe.

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- ◆ Members of the Board shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Board and in the performance of their duties.

Duties of the Board

The Board is to promulgate rules regarding the manner of obtaining a licensure, standards and procedures for administering licensing examinations, fees for examinations and licensure, procedures for disciplinary hearings, standards for approving national certification organizations, standards for continuing

education programs required for renewal, and fines for violations.

Continuing Education Requirements

- ◆ Orthotist or Prosthetist, 45 continuing education units must be completed in 3 years.
- ◆ Prosthetist and Orthotist licensure, must complete 75 CE units within 3 years.
- ◆ Pedorthists must complete the continuing education units as required by the Board of Certification in Orthotics.

The bill also prohibits waiving the payment of all or part of a deductible or copayment that a

patient, pursuant to a health insurance or health care policy would otherwise be required to pay, if the waiver is used as an enticement to a patient.

Strategic Health Care is a health care consulting firm specializing in governmental and public affairs and managed care contracting. Representatives of Strategic Health Care are currently providing government relations consulting for P.O.L.A. (Prosthetic and Orthotic Licensure Advocates, Inc.) in securing licensing for O&P practitioners.

Ohio Spring Technical Meeting: An Excellent way to Gain PCE's

The 2000 Annual Spring Technical Meeting will be held on April 1, 2000 at the Adams Mark Hotel in downtown Columbus. Registrations have been mailed, and members are urged to complete them as soon as possible. The deadline for the hotel room block has been extended until March 7th, so it is important to reserve your space quickly. Just ask for the Ohio Chapter O&P room rate.

The Adams Mark hotel is one of the finest in Columbus. Attendees

will enjoy the fine decor and excellent service that Adams Mark is noted for.

Don't forget that Columbus has a great deal to offer besides hosting our Spring Meeting. The new, much larger building that houses the Center of Science and Industry (aka, COSI) was written up recently in Newsweek magazine as a fine example of modern architecture. COSI is fun, enteraining and educational for the whole family. Members might want to make a

weekend of it with their families. Besides COSI, the Short North hosts a number of excellent restaurants and shops, and German Village is always a have-to stop to get a taste of a nicely restored mid-western urban neighborhood.

This year's meeting agenda, seen at right has been modified slightly from the one sent to members a short while ago. Besides a strong meeting program, the Chapter will host nearly 60 vendors from all over the United States. Plan on comng and renewing old acquaintances and making new ones. And don't forget about the reception on Friday evening (3/31/00).

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Spring 2000 Technical Meeting

April 1, 2000

Adams Mark Hotel, Columbus



- 8:00-9:00 Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 9:00-9:30 *The Case for Cost Effective Quality Patient Care*
Mark Bondurant, CPO -- OrPro-LaForsch Orthopedic Laboratories, Inc., Dayton, Ohio
- 9:30-10:00 *The Business Case for Quality*
(Speaker TBA)
- 10:00-10:30 Break
- 10:30-11:00 *How to Control Costs and Increase Productivity with Central Fabrication*
Steve Hill -- OTS Corporation, Barnardsville, North Carolina
- 11:00-11:45 *Update on Licensure/Post Licensure Political Activities*
Tracy C. Slemker, CPO -- Prosthetic Design, Inc., Dayton, Ohio
Wade Bader, CPO -- Bader Prosthetics/Orthotics, Tampa, Florida
- 11:45-1:15 Lunch/Exhibits
- 1:15-2:00 *Everything You've Ever Wanted to Know About Suction Sockets But Were Afraid to Ask*
Paul V. Murka, CPO -- Fidelity Orthopedics, Inc., Dayton, Ohio
- 2:00-2:30 *Ultra G Composites—Technical Overview and Lay-up Techniques*
Wade Bader, CPO -- Bader Prosthetics/Orthotics, Tampa, Florida
- 2:30-3:15 *Managing Diabetic Feet Costs Effectively*
Jeffrey M. Alaimo, CPO -- ACOR Orthopedic, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio
- 3:15-3:30 Break
- 3:30-4:00 *The Advantages of Infrared Power for O&P*
Steve Hill -- OTS Corporation, Barnardsville, North Carolina
- 4:00-4:30 *An Engineered Cost Effective Systems Approach to Prosthetics*
Stewart Phillips -- Endolite North America, Centerville, Ohio
- 4:30-5:00 *AK Socket Design Including Total Flexible Brim with Distal Laminated Frame*
Ron Graves -- Prosthetic Research Specialists, Inc., Bushnell, Florida

