ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1283

podiatry board; continuation

Purpose

Continues the Board of Podiatry Examiners (Board) for eight years.

Background

Established in 1941, the Board is responsible for licensing and regulating doctors of podiatric medicine, evaluating the professional competency of podiatrists seeking to be licensed in Arizona and promoting continued competency by investigating complaints against podiatrists, holding hearings, monitoring the activities of its licensees and enforcing standards of practice. The mission of the Board is to protect the health, safety and welfare of Arizona citizens by regulating and maintaining standards of practice in the field of podiatric medicine.

Board membership is composed of five members appointed by the Governor, with members serving five-year terms. Board membership is required to include three members who have practiced podiatry continuously in Arizona for not less than two years immediately preceding their appointment to the Board and who hold a valid license to practice podiatry. Additionally, the Board must include two lay people (A.R.S. § 32-802).

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee of Reference (COR) held a public meeting on December 17, 2020, to review and evaluate the Board's response to the sunset review factors and to receive public testimony. The COR recommended that the Legislature continue the Board for eight years (COR Final Report). The Board terminates on July 1, 2021, unless continued by the Legislature (A.R.S. § 41-3021.14).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Continues, retroactive to July 1, 2021, the Board until July 1, 2029.

2. Repeals the Board on January 1, 2030.

3. Contains a purpose statement.

4. Becomes effective on the general effective date, with a retroactive provision as noted.

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