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C. 45:9-19.17  
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C. 45:5-5.3  
§3  
Note To §§1,2

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 365, *approved January 19, 1998*  
Senate, No. 267 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the practice of medicine and surgery and <sup>1</sup>podiatry  
2 and<sup>1</sup> supplementing <sup>1</sup>Chapter 5 and<sup>1</sup> Chapter 9 of Title 45 of the  
3 Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. A physician who maintains a professional medical practice in  
9 this State and has responsibility for patient care is required to be  
10 covered by medical malpractice liability insurance, or if such liability  
11 coverage is not available, by a letter of credit for at least the minimum  
12 amount required by the State Board of Medical Examiners.

13 The physician shall notify the State Board of Medical Examiners of  
14 the name and address of the insurance carrier or the institution issuing  
15 the letter of credit, pursuant to section 7 of P.L.1989, c.300  
16 (C.45:9-19.7).

17 b. A physician who is in violation of this section is subject to  
18 disciplinary action and civil penalties pursuant to sections 8, 9 and 12  
19 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-21 to 22 and 45:1-25).

20 c. The State Board of Medical Examiners shall, pursuant to the  
21 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
22 seq.), adopt regulations which establish the minimum amount of a line  
23 of credit that is required pursuant to this section.

24 d. The State Board of Medical Examiners shall notify all physicians  
25 licensed by the board of the requirements of this section within 30 days  
26 of the date of enactment of this act.

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28 <sup>1</sup>2. a. A podiatrist who maintains a professional practice in this  
29 State and has responsibility for patient care is required to be covered  
30 by malpractice liability insurance, or if such liability coverage is not  
31 available, by a letter of credit for at least the minimum amount

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup> Assembly AHL committee amendments adopted September 19, 1996.

1 required by the State Board of Medical Examiners.

2 The podiatrist shall notify the State Board of Medical Examiners of  
3 the name and address of the insurance carrier or the institution issuing  
4 the letter of credit, pursuant to section 7 of P.L.1989, c.300  
5 (C.45:9-19.7).

6 b. A podiatrist who is in violation of this section is subject to  
7 disciplinary action and civil penalties pursuant to sections 8, 9 and 12  
8 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-21 to 22 and 45:1-25).

9 c. The State Board of Medical Examiners shall, pursuant to the  
10 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
11 seq.), adopt regulations which establish the minimum amount of a line  
12 of credit that is required pursuant to this section.

13 d. The State Board of Medical Examiners shall notify all podiatrists  
14 licensed by the board of the requirements of this section within 30 days  
15 of the date of enactment of this act.<sup>1</sup>

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17 <sup>1</sup>[2.] 3.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect on the 60th day after enactment.

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23 Requires certain physicians and podiatrists to obtain malpractice  
insurance or letter of credit.