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ACT SUMMARY

- Authorizes podiatrists to make independent hospital admissions.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Former law permitted only a member of a hospital's medical staff who was a doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine or a dentist to independently admit a patient to a hospital. A podiatrist could not independently admit a patient but could co-admit a patient along with a doctor, as long as both the podiatrist and the co-admitting doctor were medical staff members.

By eliminating the requirement that a podiatrist co-admit patients with a doctor, the act authorizes podiatrists to make independent hospital admissions. The act provides that (1) a patient admitted *solely* for the purpose of receiving podiatric services must be under the supervision of the admitting podiatrist, (2) a patient admitted by a podiatrist who needs treatment beyond the scope of podiatry when admitted or after admission must be supervised for purposes of the non-podiatric treatment by a doctor who is a member of the hospital's medical staff,

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and (3) the admitting podiatrist must make arrangements with a doctor for the doctor to be responsible for the patient's non-podiatric treatment during the patient's stay in the hospital.

HISTORY

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