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H.B. No. 1693

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1693:

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C.S.H.B. No. 1693

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of the Texas State Board of Podiatric  
3 Medical Examiners to conduct certain criminal investigations.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter M, Chapter 202, Occupations Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 202.6035 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 202.6035. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS. (a) A board  
8 investigator may investigate suspected criminal acts relating to  
9 the practice of podiatry as authorized by this chapter and shall  
10 assist federal, state, or local law enforcement agencies in the  
11 investigation and prosecution of offenses related to the practice  
12 of podiatry.

13 (b) In conducting a criminal investigation, the board may  
14 receive relevant information from a law enforcement agency.  
15 Information received by the board from a law enforcement agency is  
16 confidential and may not be disclosed except as necessary to  
17 conduct the investigation.

18 (c) A board investigator conducting a criminal  
19 investigation is not a peace officer.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.