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H.B. No. 2509

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to measures to support or enhance graduate medical education for the practice of podiatric medicine in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Section 58A.001(5), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(5) "Graduate medical education program" means:

(A) a nationally accredited post-doctor of medicine (M.D.) or post-doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.) program that prepares physicians for the independent practice of medicine in a specific specialty area; and

(B) a nationally accredited post-doctor of podiatric medicine (D.P.M.) program that prepares podiatrists for independent practice in the specialty area of podiatry.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.