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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - RHODE ISLAND ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS PRACTICES

Introduced By: Representatives Gemma, Fox, and Giannini

Date Introduced: January 06, 2010

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-59.1-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-59.1 entitled "Rhode  
2 Island Orthotics and Prosthetics Practices" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-59.1-6. Qualifications for license.** -- (a) Qualification for licensing under this chapter  
4 shall be the possession of the title "certified prosthetist" or "certified orthotist", as issued by and  
5 under the rules of the American Board for Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics, Inc. or the  
6 Board for Orthotist/Prosthetist certification. Evidence of the possession of that title shall be  
7 presented to the department.

8 (b) In order to qualify for a license to practice orthotics or prosthetics a person shall  
9 provide proof of:

10 (1) Possession of [an associate's degree or](#) a baccalaureate degree from an accredited  
11 college or university;

12 (2) Completion of an orthotic, or prosthetic education program that meets or exceeds the  
13 requirements of the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education;

14 (3) Completion of a clinical residency in orthotics and/or prosthetics that meets or  
15 exceeds the standards of the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education; and

16 (4) Current certification by ABC or BOC in the discipline for which the application  
17 corresponds.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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- 1           This act would extend qualifications for a license to practice orthotics or prosthetics to
- 2 those with an associate's degree.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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