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Bill 57

An Act to amend the Podiatry Act

Introduction

**Introduced by
Mr Claude Ryan
Minister responsible for the administration of legislation
respecting the professions**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The object of this bill is to permit the Bureau de l'Ordre des podiatres du Québec to determine standards applicable to the form and content of prescriptions made by podiatrists.

The bill also provides for the establishment of conditions subject to which a podiatrist may administer and prescribe medications to his patients.

The bill also confirms the right of podiatrist to make, transform, alter or sell podiatric ortheses.

Finally, the bill ensures that the Podiatry Act is in harmony with the provisions of the Regulations Act and of the Professional Code with respect to the approval and coming into force of regulations.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 6 of the Podiatry Act (R.S.Q., chapter P-12) is amended

(1) by inserting, after subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph, the following subparagraph:

“(c) establish standards applicable to the form and content of verbal or written prescriptions made by podiatrists.”;

(2) by striking out the fourth paragraph

2. Section 12 of the said Act is amended

(1) by adding the words “, and determine, where required, the conditions subject to which a podiatrist may administer and prescribe such medications” after the word “patients” at the end of the first paragraph;

(2) by striking out the second paragraph.

3. The said Act is amended by inserting, after section 13, the following section:

“**13.1** No provision of this Act shall be construed so as to prevent a podiatrist from making, transforming, altering or selling podiatric orthoses.”

4. This Act comes into force on (*insert here the date of assent to this Act*).