

## **IC 25-29-7**

### **Chapter 7. Impairment**

#### **IC 25-29-7-1**

##### **Finding of impairment; disposition**

Sec. 1. If after a physical or mental examination under IC 25-1-9-7 and a hearing, the board determines that a podiatrist is impaired from practicing podiatric medicine with reasonable skill and safety because of a mental illness, a physical illness, or an excessive use or habitual abuse of a controlled substance (as defined in IC 35-48-1-9) or alcohol the board may impose any of the following, singly or in combination:

- (1) Require the podiatrist to submit to care, counseling, or treatment that is acceptable to the board.
- (2) Suspend, limit, or restrict the podiatrist's license for the duration of the impairment.
- (3) Revoke the podiatrist's license.

*As added by P.L.33-1993, SEC.65.*

#### **IC 25-29-7-2**

##### **Rehabilitation; removal or modification of sanction**

Sec. 2. (a) A podiatrist who is prohibited from practicing podiatric medicine under section 1 of this chapter may present evidence to the board at reasonable intervals that the podiatrist is able to practice podiatry with reasonable skill and safety.

(b) The board may after a hearing under subsection (a) remove or modify any sanction imposed under section 1 of this chapter.

*As added by P.L.33-1993, SEC.65.*

#### **IC 25-29-7-3**

##### **Adoption of rules**

Sec. 3. The board may adopt rules that do the following:

- (1) Require podiatrists to report an impaired podiatrist to the board.
- (2) Approve certain voluntary treatment programs for impaired podiatrists that are medically directed and nonprofit. The rules must allow an approved treatment program to be exempt from reporting to the board if the impaired podiatrist is participating satisfactorily in the program.

*As added by P.L.33-1993, SEC.65.*