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3 By Senator French
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would alter and clarify the
9 appointments to the Alabama State Board of
10 Prosthetics and Orthotists.

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12 A BILL
13 TO BE ENTITLED
14 AN ACT

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16 To amend Section 34-25A-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as
17 last amended by Act No. 2009-300, 2009 Regular Session (Acts
18 2009, p. 510), relating to the Alabama State Board of
19 Prosthetics and Orthotists, to alter and clarify the
20 appointments to the board.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

22 Section 1. Section 34-25A-8, Code of Alabama 1975,
23 as last amended by Act No. 2009-300, 2009 Regular Session
24 (Acts 2009, p. 510), is amended to read as follows:

25 "§34-25A-8.

26 "(a) Effective October 1, 2009, the existing Alabama
27 State Board of Prosthetists and Orthotists is abolished.

1 Notwithstanding the foregoing, members on the board serving on
2 October 1, 2009, shall continue to serve until their
3 successors are appointed. Effective October 1, 2009, a new
4 Alabama State Board of Prosthetists and Orthotists is created
5 to administer this chapter and shall be composed of nine
6 members as provided in this section who shall be compensated
7 at the rate of one hundred dollars (\$100) per day plus travel
8 expenses for each day they perform their duties. The board
9 membership shall reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban
10 and rural, and economic diversity of the state. The Attorney
11 General of the state shall act as legal advisor of the board
12 and shall render such legal assistance as may be necessary in
13 carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

14 "(b) After October 1, 2009, members shall be
15 appointed as follows:

16 "(1) Three by the Governor of the State of Alabama
17 two of whom shall be appointed for four (4) year initial terms
18 and one of whom shall be appointed to a one (1) year initial
19 term, one of whom shall be licensed pursuant to this chapter
20 and is certified by an entity accredited by the National
21 Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA); one of whom shall
22 be a private citizen of the State of Alabama who is a consumer
23 of orthotic or prosthetic services; and one of whom shall be a
24 physician licensed to practice in the State of Alabama.

25 "(2) Two by the Lieutenant Governor of the State of
26 Alabama one for an initial term of four (4) years and one for
27 an initial term of two (2) years, both of whom shall be

1 licensed pursuant to this chapter and certified by an entity
2 accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies
3 (NCCA).

4 "(3) Two by the Speaker of the House of
5 Representatives of the State of Alabama for initial terms of
6 three (3) years, one of whom is a ~~licensed~~ podiatrist licensed
7 to practice in the State of Alabama and one of whom shall be
8 licensed pursuant to this chapter and certified by an entity
9 accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies
10 (NCCA).

11 "(4) One by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
12 of the State of Alabama for an initial term of two (2) years,
13 who shall be licensed pursuant to this chapter and certified
14 by an entity accredited by the National Commission for
15 Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

16 "(5) One by the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of
17 Representatives of the State of Alabama for an initial term of
18 one (1) year who shall be licensed pursuant to this chapter
19 and certified by an entity accredited by the National
20 Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

21 "(c) Regarding the board created by Act 2009-300,
22 all initial appointments to the board shall be made no later
23 than 60 days after July 1, 2009.

24 "(d) Regarding the board created by this Act
25 2009-300, the Alabama Prosthetic and Orthotic Association
26 shall submit its list of nominees for initial appointments to
27 the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the

1 House of Representatives, ~~and~~ the President Pro Tempore of the
2 Senate, and the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of
3 Representatives no later than 15 days after July 1, 2009.
4 Applications from private citizens who are consumers of
5 orthotic or prosthetic care and from authorized health care
6 practitioners must be submitted to the appointing authorities
7 within 30 days of July 1, 2009."

8 Section 2. This act shall become effective
9 immediately following its passage and approval by the
10 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.