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3 By Representative Wren  
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would allow an appropriately  
9 trained and licensed pharmacist or an appropriately  
10 trained and registered pharmacy technician acting  
11 under the direct supervision of a pharmacist to  
12 provide therapeutic diabetic shoes and inserts.

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14 A BILL  
15 TO BE ENTITLED  
16 AN ACT

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18 Relating to pharmacists; to allow an appropriately  
19 trained and licensed pharmacist or an appropriately trained  
20 and registered pharmacy technician acting under the direct  
21 supervision of a pharmacist to provide therapeutic diabetic  
22 shoes and inserts.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding the Prosthetics and  
25 Orthotics Act, Sections 34-25A-1 to 34-25A-14, inclusive, an  
26 appropriately trained pharmacist licensed in this state or an  
27 appropriately trained pharmacy technician registered pursuant

1 to Section 34-23-131 of the Code of Alabama 1975, acting under  
2 the direct supervision of a pharmacist may provide therapeutic  
3 diabetic shoes and inserts.

4 (b) For the purposes of this act, "appropriately  
5 trained" means the satisfactory completion of one of the  
6 following:

7 (1) A course of study that covers fitting and  
8 patient management of therapeutic diabetic shoes and inserts  
9 that is approved by the National Commission of Orthotic and  
10 Prosthetic Education.

11 (2) An appropriate manufacturer's training course  
12 consisting of fitting of therapeutic shoes with assessment to  
13 be completed to prove success.

14 (3) A course of study that covers fitting and  
15 patient management of therapeutic diabetic shoes and inserts  
16 that is approved by a nationally recognized orthotic and  
17 prosthetic certification or accreditation organization which  
18 has its certification programs recognized by the National  
19 Commission for Certifying Agencies.

20 (4) A continuing education course offered by the  
21 Alabama Pharmacy Association or the Alabama Board of Pharmacy.

22 (c) For the purposes of this act, "therapeutic  
23 diabetic shoes and inserts" are described by any of the  
24 following Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Codes:

25 (1) A5500. For diabetics only, fitting, including  
26 follow-up, custom preparation, and supply of off-the-shelf

1 depth-inlay shoes manufactured to accommodate multi-density  
2 inserts, per shoe.

3 (2) A5510. For diabetics only, direct formed,  
4 compression molded to patient's foot without external heat  
5 source, multiple-density inserts prefabricated, per shoe.

6 (3) A5512. For diabetics only, multiple density  
7 insert, direct formed, molded to foot after external heat  
8 source of 230 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, total contact with  
9 patient's foot, including arch, base layer minimum of 1/4 inch  
10 material of shore A 35 durometer or 3/16 inch material of  
11 shore A 40 durometer, or higher, prefabricated, each.

12 (4) A5513. For diabetics, multiple density insert,  
13 custom molded from model of patient's foot, total contact with  
14 patient's foot, including arch, base layer minimum of 3/16  
15 inch materials of shore A 35 durometer, or higher, includes  
16 arch filler and other shaping material, custom fabricated,  
17 each.

18 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
19 first day of the third month following its passage and  
20 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.