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An Act To Allow Former Military Medical Personnel To Perform Certain Medical Services

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2582 is enacted to read:

§ 2582. Exemption for military medical personnel

1. Exemption for military medical personnel. A person who served as a medic in the United States Army, medical technician in the United States Air Force, corpsman in the United States Navy or health services technician in the United States Coast Guard and who was discharged or released from military service under conditions other than dishonorable may perform certain services delegated by a licensee supervising the person under this chapter that constitute the practice of osteopathic medicine if the person has entered into a medical practice agreement under subsection 2 and is under the supervision of a licensee under this chapter or a health care facility licensed under Title 22, chapter 405. For purposes of this section, the terms "United States Army," "United States Air Force," "United States Navy" and "United States Coast Guard" include any reserve or national guard components.

2. Medical practice agreement. A person licensed under this chapter or a health care facility licensed under Title 22, chapter 405 that is supervised by a licensee under this chapter may enter into a medical practice agreement that complies with requirements and protocols developed by the board under subsection 3 with a former medic, medical technician, corpsman or health services technician under subsection 1 for that person to perform certain osteopathic medical services that reflect that person's medical training and experience. A medical practice agreement under this subsection must be approved by the board.

3. Rules. The board shall adopt routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to establish requirements and protocols for a medical practice agreement under subsection 2 and to carry out the purposes of this section.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §3270-F is enacted to read:

§ 3270-F. Exemption for military medical personnel

1. Exemption for military medical personnel. A person who served as a medic in the United States Army, medical technician in the United States Air Force, corpsman in the United States Navy or health services technician in the United States Coast Guard and who was discharged or released from military service under conditions other than dishonorable may perform certain services delegated by a licensee supervising the person under this chapter that constitute the practice of medicine if the person has entered into a medical practice agreement under subsection 2 and is under the supervision

of a physician licensed under this chapter or a health care facility licensed under Title 22, chapter 405. For purposes of this section, the terms "United States Army," "United States Air Force," "United States Navy" and "United States Coast Guard" include any reserve or national guard components.

2. Medical practice agreement. A physician licensed under this chapter or a health care facility licensed under Title 22, chapter 405 may enter into a medical practice agreement that complies with requirements and protocols developed by the board under subsection 3 with a former medic, medical technician, corpsman or health services technician under subsection 1 for that person to perform certain medical services that reflect that person's medical training and experience. A medical practice agreement under this subsection must be approved by the board.

3. Rules. The board shall adopt routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to establish requirements and protocols for a medical practice agreement under subsection 2 and to carry out the purposes of this section.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §3658 is enacted to read:

§ 3658. Exemption for military medical personnel

1. Exemption for military medical personnel. A person who served as a medic in the United States Army, medical technician in the United States Air Force, corpsman in the United States Navy or health services technician in the United States Coast Guard and who was discharged or released from military service under conditions other than dishonorable may perform certain services delegated by a licensee supervising the person under this chapter that constitute the practice of podiatric medicine if the person has entered into a medical practice agreement under subsection 2 and is under the supervision of a licensee under this chapter or a health care facility licensed under Title 22, chapter 405. For purposes of this section, the terms "United States Army," "United States Air Force," "United States Navy" and "United States Coast Guard" include any reserve or national guard components.

2. Medical practice agreement. A person licensed under this chapter or a health care facility licensed under Title 22, chapter 405 that is supervised by a licensee under this chapter may enter into a medical practice agreement that complies with requirements and protocols developed by the board under subsection 3 with a former medic, medical technician, corpsman or health services technician under subsection 1 for that person to perform certain podiatric medical services that reflect that person's medical training and experience. A medical practice agreement under this subsection must be approved by the board.

3. Rules. The board shall adopt routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to establish requirements and protocols for a medical practice agreement under subsection 2 and to carry out the purposes of this section.

SUMMARY

This bill allows a former United States Army medic, United States Air Force medical technician, United States Navy corpsman or United States Coast Guard health services technician to perform certain

medical services under the supervision of a person holding a license to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine or podiatry or at a health care facility under a medical practice agreement approved by the respective licensing board.