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S 1633. PROSTHETIST/ ORTHOTIST/ PEDORTHIST LICENSURE. Filed 5/15/08. *TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA PROSTHETISTS, ORTHOTISTS, AND PEDORTHIST LICENSURE ACT.*

Enacts new Article 12B of GS Chapter 90 to require the licensure of prosthetists, orthotists, and pedorthists beginning January 1, 2009. Practicing without a license is a Class 1 misdemeanor and may be subject to a \$1,000 civil penalty. Prosthetics, orthotics, and pedorthics apply to a variety of devices that may be pre-fabricated or custom designed and are generally medically prescribed for therapeutic, compensatory, or replacement purposes. Effective October 1, 2009, creates a nine-member North Carolina Prosthetist, Orthotist, and Pedorthist Licensure Board with authority to determine licensure qualifications and fees, and to engage in disciplinary review of licensees. Establishes minimum qualifications for licensure and renewal, and maximum licensure fees. Makes exceptions for individuals already engaged in the practice for three years who apply to the board and to the initial board members. Makes conforming changes.

Intro. by Hartsell.

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