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**OPPOSE AB231  
"LIMITED" LICENSE TO PRACTICE PODIATRY**

**POINT SHEET**

- **At time of Assembly Committee Meeting, this bill was an "enable" bill, was changed to "mandatory" bill after public testimony.**
- **Lowers the standard qualifications for licensure in Nevada.**
  - **does not require a current active license in any state**
  - **does not require applicant to have current continuing medical education or current CPR certification**
- **Does not require examination/residency program  
Is not in keeping with definition or restrictions of a "limited license" as defined by Medical or Dental Boards.**
- **Would set a national precedent at a time when license reciprocity (acceptance of license from another state without examination) is ancient history; no longer a common practice.**
- **Would require the Board of Podiatry to set restrictions and conditions specifically for each individual limited license applicant. Requires individual supervision.**
- **"Direct supervision" by a licensed podiatrist is ill-defined; jeopardizes the integrity of the supervising podiatrist/too much leverage for the limited licensee.**
- **Affects the safety of the citizens of Nevada by issuing a license under ill-defined criteria, qualifications, ability to practice current podiatry.**
- **Presents grave legal consequences to the Board of Podiatry and the State of Nevada should a malpractice issue arise.**

**Date: May 6, 2003**

**To: Senate on Commerce and Labor**

**Re: AB231 "Limited License to practice  
Podiatry"**

**EXHIBITS TO OPPOSE PASSAGE OF AB231  
IN ITS ENTIRETY.**

**FROM:**

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRIC  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**FEDERATION OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL  
BOARDS**

**NEVADA PODIATRIC MEDICAL  
ASSOCIATION**

**AMERICAN PODIATRIC MEDICAL  
ASSOCIATION**

# Nevada State Board of Podiatry

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March 26, 2003

Senator Randolph Townsend  
Chairman, Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor

Re: AB231 – “Limited License” Podiatrists

Dear Senator Townsend and Committee Members:

The Nevada State Board of Podiatry opposes passage of AB231 in it's entirety.

After careful review of the statutes regarding “limited license” of the Medical Board of Examiners and the Dental Board of Examiners, we have determined this bill far too vague. It would be difficult to “tailor” to each individual seeking a limited license; and equally difficult to delineate a “scope of practice” on an individual basis. We fail to see how issuance of such a license, as proposed in AB231, would be in the public's best interest.

Most disturbing is the issuance of a “limited license” to an individual who is not actively licensed in another state. NSBP does not have a reciprocity statute for those who hold active licenses. Every Podiatrist actively licensed in Nevada must meet minimum requirements for application and licensure, as noted in NRS 635.050. Issuing a license, limited or unlimited, to a Podiatric Physician who currently does not hold an active license in any state; nor has met current continuing education requirements to maintain an active license, does not serve the public well.

The Nevada State Board of Podiatry urges you to oppose passage of AB231.

Sincerely,

Nevada State Board of Podiatry

**E-mail sent to:**  
**Senator Randolph Townsend**  
**Senator Raymond Rawson**  
**Sent by:**  
**Larry Shane, Executive Director**  
**Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards**  
**Date Sent:**  
**April 18, 2003**

**The following is the body of the E-mail:**

**Dear Senator Townsend:**

**The Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards, which represents podiatric state boards nationwide, questions the proposed "limited license" legislation.**

**Sen. Townsend, the FPMB has no knowledge of similar legislation throughout the country. Moreover, the reason for questioning this type of "limited license" legislation is the simple fact that it does NOT safeguard the health and safety of the public. The legislation makes NO reference to the excellent educational qualifications, training requirements or rigorous licensure examinations for individuals eligible to secure this "limited license".**

**In addition, the proposed legislation does not state whether candidates for the "limited license" would be limited only to podiatrists or others wishing to provide podiatric care. The bill also does not give a clear description of the scope of practice and therefore it is questioned how a bill of this type would protect the health and safety of your State of Nevada public.**

**Sincerely,**  
**Larry Shane, Executive Director**  
**Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards**

**STEVEN R. KUBEL, D.P.M.**

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March 31, 2003

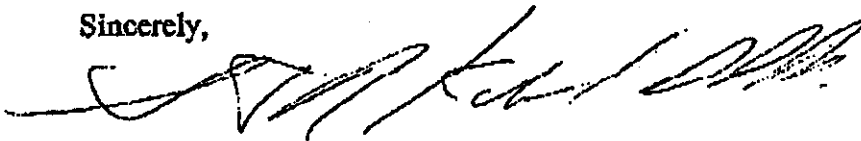
Senator Randolph Townsend  
Chairman, Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor

Re: AB231 – "Limited License" Podiatrist

Dear Senator Townsend and Committee Members:

I would like to inform you that as President of the Nevada Podiatric Medical Association, I agree with the Nevada State Board of Podiatry in their opposition of AB231. I have had an opportunity to review the bill as presented as well as the apparent intent. This bill would create a precedent for limited licensing that I do not feel would be in the best interest of the public or for the profession in Nevada. Podiatric licensure in Nevada already has in place guidelines that are designed to insure that certain requirements be met to assure that Nevada recruits well qualified applicants and that the highest quality of podiatric care be provided. The letter you have already received by the Nevada State Board of Podiatry reflects my concerns as well as echoes my position. I strongly urge you to oppose the passage of AB231.

Sincerely,



Steven R. Kubel, D.P.M.  
President, Nevada Podiatric Medical Association.



## AMERICAN PODIATRIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

March 26, 2003

Ms. Ellen Roberts, Executive Director  
Nevada State Board of Podiatry  
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Reno, NV 89510-2215

Dear Ms. Roberts:

Thank you for your recent correspondence concerning legislation proposed in Nevada that would create a "limited license" for the practice of podiatric medicine.

The American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) is the national membership organization for podiatrists, representing approximately 70% of all podiatrists in the United States. The APMA periodically monitors state legislation. According to our research, we have no knowledge of any other state that has adopted a "limited license" related to the practice of podiatric medicine.

The text of the proposed legislation (AB231) is curious. We question whether this legislation has been carefully evaluated in terms of safeguarding the health and safety of the public. We note that the proposed legislation makes no reference to educational qualifications or training requirements for individuals who would wish to pursue a "limited license." As you know, podiatrists complete a four-year professional degree program, followed by one- to three-years of specialty residency training. In addition to completing accredited educational and advanced training programs, and as a prerequisite to actually being permitted to practice podiatric medicine, podiatrists must satisfy rigorous licensure examinations. Continued licensure of podiatrists is contingent upon their regular participation in a specified number of continuing medical education programs. The proposed legislation does not state clearly whether candidates for the "limited license" would be limited to podiatrists or whether others wishing to provide podiatric care would be eligible to secure this "limited license." Nor does the proposed legislation provide a sense of the scope of practice that would be allowed under the "limited license." In the absence of these educational and training requirements and without a clear description of the scope of practice, it is questioned how the State of Nevada will protect the health and safety interests of the public, ensuring that only appropriately credentialed individuals will be allowed to practice podiatric medicine (albeit on a limited basis).

We trust that the information provided in this letter is of use to you and the State Legislature in implementing an appropriate credentialing process for the practice of podiatric medicine.

Sincerely yours,

  
Glenn B. Gastwirth, DPM, Executive Director

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