

HB 2204 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds podiatric physicians and podiatric surgeons, sometimes referred to as podiatrists, to the list of provider types eligible for the rural provider income tax credit beginning in 2026. Removes requirement that an optometrist has hospital consulting privileges in order to qualify for tax credit. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Medical practitioners who provide care in rural parts of the state may be eligible for a tax credit based on the distance from a major population center where their practice is located. The credit is currently available to practitioners licensed as certified registered nurse anesthetists, dentists, doctors of medicine and osteopathic medicine, nurse practitioners, optometrists, physician associates, and podiatrists. Eligible practitioners must serve set percentages of Medicare and Medicaid recipients in their practice and provide a minimum of 20 hours per week of patient care, averaged over the month, per tax year in an eligible rural area.

House Bill 2204 expands the types of health provider licensees that qualify for the rural provider income tax credit.