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To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

In compliance with the requirements set forth in the Illinois Regulatory Sunset Act (5 ILCS 80), my office has conducted a review of the Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics Practice Act (225 ILCS 84), which is scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2020. As a result of this review, it is recommended to the General Assembly that:

The Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics Practice Act (225 ILCS 330) should be continued with the following modifications to its existing statutory and administrative rule framework.

- Allow applicants to apply for “Licensure by Endorsement” without providing education or test information to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR), if: (1) the applicant has been licensed for 10 consecutive years in another state, (2) the other state sends verification of consecutive licensure of the applicant, and (3) the applicant has never been disciplined.
- Add a definition of “Email address of record,” standardizing IDFPR’s initiative to become more efficient and paperless.

Orthotists, prosthetists and pedorthists are responsible for the design, evaluation and fitting of various prosthetic, therapeutic and correctional devices that are critical to the health and wellbeing of a growing and vulnerable population of Illinois citizens. Unregulated and irresponsible dispensing of orthotic, prosthetic or pedorthic care can seriously impact the health, safety and welfare of the public. There is currently not sufficient evidence to suggest the burdens imposed by regulation outweigh the benefits to the health, safety and welfare of the people of Illinois in continuing the regulation of this profession. Consequently, the continuation of this regulation appears necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the people of Illinois.

The full report provided by the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget is provided as reference.

Very Sincerely and Respectfully,

JB Pritzker  
Governor