

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, investigators conducting business on behalf of the Texas Board of Podiatric Examiners (board) do not have immunity from liability and the board does not have the ability to refuse to admit a person to an examination. As proposed, S.B. 1024 grants immunity from liability to individuals contracted by the board to conduct investigations and allows the board to refuse a person admission to the podiatry license examination.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 202.204, Occupations Code, by adding Subsection (e) to provide that a private investigator whose services are obtained under Subsection (a) is immune from liability and is prohibited from being subject to a suit for damages for any act arising from the performance of certain duties.

SECTION 2. Amends the heading to Section 202.253, Occupations Code, as follows:

Sec. 202.253. New heading: GROUND FOR DENIAL OF LICENSE OR FOR DETERMINATION OF VIOLATION.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 202.253 (a), Occupations Code, to add language to authorize the Texas State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners to make a determination that a person is in violation of this chapter.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2001.