

SENATE No. 1145

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard T. Moore

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the registration of podiatrists.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Richard T. Moore

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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By Mr. Moore, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1145) of Moore relative to the registration of podiatrists [Joint Committee on Public Health].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4912 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act relative to the registration of podiatrists.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 An Act relative to the registration of podiatrists

2 SECTION 1. Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
3 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 13 and inserting in place thereof the
4 following new section:-

5 Section 13. Podiatry as used in this chapter shall mean the diagnosis and
6 treatment of the structures of the human foot and ankle by medical, mechanical, surgical,
7 manipulative and electrical means, including, but not limited to, the treatment of the local
8 manifestation of systemic conditions as they present in the foot and ankle, partial amputation of
9 the foot, and tendon surgery in the foot and ankle, including the Achilles tendon. The practice
10 of podiatry shall not include the administration of a general anesthetic or amputation of the entire

11 foot. Ankle surgery involving bone shall include, but not exceed, portions of the fibula and tibia
12 that directly relate to the ankle, must be performed in a hospital or surgical center and requires
13 credentialing by that facility and shall require either (a) board certification approved by the
14 American Board of Podiatric Surgery (ABPS); or (b) board certification as deemed appropriate
15 by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Podiatry; or (c) supervision of a Podiatric
16 physician (D.P.M.) who is board certified by the ABPS who has ankle privileges, until
17 competency is established to achieve credentialing by the facility; or (d) supervision of a board
18 certified Allopathic (M.D.) or Osteopathic (D.O.) physician who has ankle privileges, until
19 competency is established to achieve credentialing by the facility.

20 This section and sections fourteen to twenty-two, inclusive, shall not apply to
21 surgeons of the United States Army, Navy or the United States Public Health Service, nor to
22 physicians registered in the commonwealth. The term physician and surgeon when used in
23 sections twelve B, twelve G, twenty-three N, and eighty B shall include a podiatrist acting within
24 the limitation imposed by this section.