

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 177**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul J. Donato***

*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 definition of podiatry.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Jeffrey Sánchez</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Donato of Medford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 177) of Paul J. Donato and others for legislation to further regulate the registration of podiatrists. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to the definition of podiatry.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 13 of Chapter 112 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is amended by striking the section in its entirety and inserting, in place thereof,  
3 the following new section:-

4           “Section 13. Podiatry as used in this chapter shall mean the diagnosis and treatment, by  
5 medical, mechanical, electrical and surgical means, ailments of the human foot and lower leg.  
6 Allowable surgical treatment in a health care facility shall be determined by that health care  
7 facility credential committee, and such surgical treatment shall be performed at that health care  
8 facility. This and the ten following sections shall not apply to surgeons of the United States  
9 army, navy or of the United States Public Health Service, nor to physicians registered in the  
10 commonwealth. The term physician and surgeon when used in sections twelve B, twelve G,  
11 twenty-three N and eighty B shall include a podiatrist acting within the limitation imposed by  
12 this section.”