

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4912**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Ten**  
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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 SECTION 1. Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 13 and inserting in place thereof the following  
3 new section:-

4 Section 13. Podiatry as used in this chapter shall mean the diagnosis and treatment of the  
5 structures of the human foot and ankle by medical, mechanical, surgical, manipulative and  
6 electrical means, including, but not limited to, the treatment of the local manifestation of  
7 systemic conditions as they present in the foot and ankle, partial amputation of the foot, and  
8 tendon surgery in the foot and ankle, including the Achilles tendon. The practice of podiatry  
9 shall not include the administration of a general anesthetic or amputation of the entire foot.  
10 Ankle surgery involving bone shall include, but not exceed, portions of the fibula and tibia that  
11 directly relate to the ankle, must be performed in a hospital or surgical center and requires  
12 credentialing by that facility and shall require either (a) board certification approved by the  
13 American Board of Podiatric Surgery (ABPS); or (b) board certification as deemed appropriate  
14 by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Podiatry; or (c) supervision of a Podiatric

15 physician (D.P.M.) who is board certified by the ABPS who has ankle privileges, until  
16 competency is established to achieve credentialing by the facility; or (d) supervision of a board  
17 certified Allopathic (M.D.) or Osteopathic (D.O.) physician who has ankle privileges, until  
18 competency is established to achieve credentialing by the facility.

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