

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1260**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Marc R. Pacheco***

*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>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>5/11/2017</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1260) of Marc R. Pacheco and Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to the definition of podiatry. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1209 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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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.”