

SENATE No. 1260

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.

[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)**

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.”