

SENATE No. 1510

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kelly A. Dooner

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:

Kelly A. Dooner

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Third Bristol and Plymouth

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By Ms. Dooner, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1510) of Kelly A. Dooner for legislation relative to the definition of podiatry. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1453 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

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 Chapter 112 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 13, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following
3 section:-

4 Section 13. (a) As used in this chapter, "podiatry" shall mean the diagnosis and treatment,
5 by medical, mechanical, electrical or surgical means, of ailments of the human foot and lower
6 leg.

7 (b) As used in sections 12B, 12G and 80B, "physician" shall include a podiatrist
8 registered under section 16.

9 (c) Sections 13 to 18, inclusive, shall not apply to surgeons of the United States army,
10 United States navy or of the United States Public Health Service or to physicians registered in
11 the commonwealth.