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:DISTRICT/ADDRESS:Kelly A. DoonerThird 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.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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:-
- 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.