

SENATE No. 1542

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cindy F. Friedman

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:

Cindy F. Friedman

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Fourth Middlesex

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By Ms. Friedman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1542) of Cindy F. Friedman 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 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

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

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

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