

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 5196**

LCO No. 2866

AN ACT EXPANDING THE PODIATRIC SCOPE OF PRACTICE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 20-54 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2024*):

4 (c) A licensed podiatrist may independently engage in the surgical
5 treatment of the ankle, including the surgical treatment of the
6 anatomical structures of the ankle, as well as the administration and
7 prescription of drugs incidental thereto, and the surgical treatment of
8 manifestations of systemic diseases as they appear on the ankle, after
9 the podiatrist provides documentation to the Department of Public
10 Health of the following: (1) (A) Graduation on or after June 1, 2006, from
11 a three-year residency program in podiatric medicine and surgery that
12 was accredited by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education, or its
13 successor organization, at the time of graduation, and (B) current board
14 certification or qualification in reconstructive rearfoot ankle surgery by
15 the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery, or its successor
16 organization; or (2) (A) graduation prior to June 1, 2006, from a
17 residency program in podiatric medicine and surgery that was at least
18 two years in length and accredited at the time of graduation by said
19 council, and (B) current board certification or qualification in
20 reconstructive rearfoot ankle surgery by the American Board of Foot
21 and Ankle Surgery, or its successor organization. For purposes of this
22 section, "surgical treatment of the ankle" includes all soft tissue and
23 osseous procedures, including ankle fracture fixation, ankle fusion,

24 ankle arthroscopy, insertion or removal of external fixation pins into or
25 from the tibial diaphysis at or below the level of the myotendinous
26 junction of the triceps surae, [and] insertion and removal of retrograde
27 tibiototalcalcaneal intramedullary rods and locking screws up to the
28 level of the myotendinous junction of the triceps [surae] surae and
29 forefoot and midfoot amputation, but does not include the surgical
30 treatment of complications within the tibial diaphysis related to the use
31 of external fixation pins, the performance of total ankle replacements or
32 the treatment of tibial pilon fractures.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	20-54(c)
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