



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5196***

LCO No. 1334



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  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 surea, [but does not  
29 include] the surgical treatment of complications within the tibial  
30 diaphysis related to the use of external fixation pins, the performance of  
31 total ankle replacements [or] and 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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***Statement of Purpose:***

To expand the podiatric scope of practice to include surgical treatment of complications within the tibial diaphysis related to the use of external fixation pins, the performance of total ankle replacements and the treatment of tibial pilon fractures.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*