

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1260**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Marc R. Pacheco***

*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:	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1260) of Marc R. Pacheco and Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to the definition of podiatry. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1209 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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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           SECTION 1. Section 13 of Chapter 112 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is amended by striking the section in its entirety and inserting, in place thereof,  
3 the following new section:-

4           “Section 13. Podiatry as used in this chapter shall mean the diagnosis and treatment, by  
5 medical, mechanical, electrical and surgical means, ailments of the human foot and lower leg.  
6 Allowable surgical treatment in a health care facility shall be determined by that health care  
7 facility credential committee, and such surgical treatment shall be performed at that health care  
8 facility. This and the ten following sections shall not apply to surgeons of the United States  
9 army, navy or of the United States Public Health Service, nor to physicians registered in the  
10 commonwealth. The term physician and surgeon when used in sections twelve B, twelve G,

- 11 twenty-three N and eighty B shall include a podiatrist acting within the limitation imposed by
- 12 this section.”