

HOUSE BILL 323

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By: **Delegate Reznik**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2012

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Licensed Podiatrists – Scope of Practice**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “practice podiatry” to include the surgical
4 treatment of acute ankle fracture in the scope of practice of licensed podiatrists;
5 and generally relating to licensed podiatrists.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Health Occupations
8 Section 16–101
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Health Occupations**

14 16–101.

15 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

16 (b) “Board” means the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners.

17 (c) “License” means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license issued
18 by the Board to practice podiatry.

19 (d) “Licensed podiatrist” means, unless the context requires otherwise, a
20 podiatrist who is licensed by the Board to practice podiatry.

21 (e) “Podiatrist” means an individual who practices podiatry.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (f) (1) “Practice podiatry” means to diagnose or surgically, medically, or
2 mechanically treat the human foot or ankle, the anatomical structures that attach to
3 the human foot, or the soft tissue below the mid-calf.

4 (2) “Practice podiatry” does not include[:

5 (i) Surgical treatment of acute ankle fracture; or

6 (ii) Administration] **ADMINISTRATION** of an anesthetic, other
7 than a local anesthetic.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2012.