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To: Public Health and
Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2472

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-27-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF THE PRACTICE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE; AND
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 SECTION 1. Section 73-27-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:[CRG1]

7 73-27-1. (1) The practice of podiatric medicine is that
8 profession concerned with the prevention, examination, diagnosis
9 and medical, surgical and adjuvant treatment of conditions of the
10 human foot. For the purposes of this chapter, "foot" means that
11 part of the human anatomy which consists of the tarsal bones,
12 metatarsal bones and phalanges. This definition includes all
13 supportive and/or connective tissue immediately adjacent to such
14 bones not to extend past the synovium attached to the proximal end
15 of the talus * * *.

16 (2) A podiatrist is a medical care provider who engages in
17 the practice of podiatric medicine.

18 (3) A podiatrist may prescribe and administer drugs and
19 tests, excluding general and spinal anesthesia, that are essential
20 to the practice of podiatric medicine when used for or in
21 connection with treatment of disorders of the human foot.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after its passage.