

By: Representative Aguirre

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 1107

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-27-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE DEFINITION OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE TO INCLUDE ANKLE CARE;
3 TO CREATE NEW SECTION 73-27-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
4 PROVIDE A PROCEDURE BY WHICH PODIATRISTS MAY BE CERTIFIED BY THE
5 STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE FOR EITHER
6 THE CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT OF THE ANKLE OR THE SURGICAL TREATMENT
7 OF THE ANKLE OR BOTH; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-27-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 73-27-1. (1) The practice of podiatric medicine is that
12 profession concerned with the prevention, examination, diagnosis
13 and medical, surgical and adjuvant treatment of conditions of the
14 human foot and ankle and their governing and related structures,
15 including the local manifestations of systemic conditions, by all
16 appropriate systems and means. For the purposes of this chapter,
17 "foot" means that part of the human anatomy which consists of the
18 tarsal bones, metatarsal bones and phalanges.

19 (2) A podiatrist is a * * * physician who engages in the
20 practice of podiatric medicine.



21 (3) A podiatrist may prescribe and administer drugs and
22 tests, excluding general and spinal anesthesia, that are essential
23 to the practice of podiatric medicine when used for or in
24 connection with treatment of disorders of the human foot and ankle
25 and their governing and related structures.

26 **SECTION 2.** The following shall be codified as Section
27 73-27-21, Mississippi Code of 1972:

28 73-27-21. (1) **Certification for advanced practice.**
29 Certification of an applicant for advanced practice may be issued
30 by the board for either the conservative treatment of the ankle or
31 the surgical treatment of the ankle, or both, depending upon an
32 applicant's education and training.

33 (2) **Qualifications for certification in conservative**
34 **treatment of the ankle.** To be eligible for certification for the
35 conservative treatment of the ankle, an applicant who possesses
36 and meets the qualifications and requirements of Section 73-27-5
37 shall have completed at least one (1) year of postgraduate
38 podiatric training in an internship or equivalent program
39 accredited by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education of the
40 American Podiatric Medical Association or its successor
41 association, and approved by the board.

42 (3) **Scope of practice for conservative treatment of the**
43 **ankle.** The scope of practice for the conservative treatment of
44 the ankle shall be limited to the following:



45 (a) The prevention, examination, diagnosis, medical,
46 surgical and adjuvant treatment of the human foot, as defined in
47 Section 73-27-1, which is authorized for a doctor of podiatric
48 medicine without certification in advanced practice;

49 (b) The medical treatment of the ankle to include the
50 muscles or tendons of the lower leg governing the functions of the
51 foot and ankle;

52 (c) Surgical treatment of the superficial conditions of
53 the ankle involving the skin and overlying tissues and extending
54 proximally; and

55 (d) Assisting an orthopedic surgeon or a doctor of
56 podiatric medicine whose practice prerogatives include surgical
57 treatment of the ankle, as defined in this section.

58 (4) **Qualifications for certification in surgical treatment**
59 **of the ankle.** To be eligible for certification in the surgical
60 treatment of the ankle, whether for initial licensure or annual
61 renewal, an applicant who possesses and meets the qualifications
62 and requirements of Section 73-27-5 shall have completed a
63 surgical residency approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical
64 Education of the American Podiatric Medical Association,
65 consisting of:

66 (a) A three-year podiatric surgery residency (PSR 36)
67 program or greater; or

68 (b) A three-year podiatric medicine and surgery
69 residency (PM and S 36) program or greater; or



70 (c) A two-year podiatric surgery residency (PSR 24)
71 program, and

72 (i) Be board-certified in reconstructive rear foot
73 and ankle surgery (RRA) by the American Board of Foot and Ankle
74 Surgery (ABFAS), formerly the American Board of Podiatric Surgery
75 (ABPS); or

76 (ii) Be board-certified in foot surgery and board
77 qualified in reconstructive rear foot/ankle surgery (RRA) by the
78 ABFAS.

79 (5) **Scope of practice for surgical treatment of the ankle.**

80 The scope of practice for surgical treatment of the ankle shall be
81 limited to the following:

82 (a) The scope of practice as described in this section
83 for the conservative treatment of the ankle; and

84 (b) Surgical treatment of the ankle and muscles or
85 tendons of the lower leg governing the functions of the foot and
86 ankle, limited to procedures listed by the Council on Podiatric
87 Medical Education (CPME) and the American Board of Podiatric
88 Surgery (ABPS) as found in the CPME 320 and ABPS 220 documents and
89 their successors as being required for graduate podiatric medical
90 education and board certification at the time that an applicant's
91 application for initial licensure or annual renewal is filed with
92 the board.



93 (6) **Authorized facilities for surgical procedures.** Surgical
94 procedures authorized under this section shall only be performed
95 in the following types of facilities:

96 (a) A licensed and accredited hospital, if the
97 podiatrist is granted privileges to do the procedures in the
98 hospital;

99 (b) A licensed and accredited trauma center, if the
100 podiatrist is granted privileges to do the procedures in the
101 trauma care center; or

102 (c) A licensed and accredited ambulatory surgical
103 facility, if the podiatrist is granted privileges to do the same
104 procedures in a hospital or a trauma center.

105 (7) **Patient history and examination.** A podiatrist certified
106 for advanced practice under this section:

107 (a) With two (2) or more years of postgraduate
108 training, may independently perform a complete history and
109 physical on his or her patients for the purpose of preoperative
110 evaluation and diagnosis before a podiatric procedure that the
111 podiatrist is authorized to perform under the scope of his or her
112 license; and

113 (b) May independently perform a complete history and
114 physical for Institutional Review Board approved research studies.

115 (8) The burden of satisfying the board as to the
116 qualifications and eligibility of the applicant for certification
117 of practice prerogatives shall be upon the applicant. An



118 applicant shall not be deemed to possess such qualifications
119 unless the applicant demonstrates and evidences such
120 qualifications in the manner prescribed by and to the satisfaction
121 of the board.

122 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
123 and after July 1, 2022.

