

By: Senator(s) Fillingane

To: Public Health and  
Welfare

## SENATE BILL NO. 2671

1       AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-27-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE THE DEFINITION OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE AND TO INCLUDE  
3 TREATMENT OF THE FOOT AND ANKLE AND THEIR GOVERNING AND RELATED  
4 STRUCTURES; TO PROVIDE THAT A PODIATRIST LICENSED IN MISSISSIPPI  
5 MAY PERFORM CONSERVATIVE AND SURGICAL TREATMENTS AFTER COMPLETING  
6 CERTAIN APPROVED TRAINING DETERMINED TO BE SUFFICIENT BY THE STATE  
7 BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE; 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 muscles or tendons of the lower leg governing the  
16 functions of the foot and ankle and soft tissue up to the tibial  
17 tubercle/tuberosity. For the purpose of this section, "ankle"  
18 means the ankle joint, which consists of the distal third of the  
19 tibia and fibula and their articulations with the talus and the  
20 soft tissue structures surrounding the foot and ankle. For the

21 purposes of this chapter, "foot" means that part of the human  
22 anatomy which consists of the tarsal bones, metatarsal bones and  
23 phalanges.

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

26 (3) A licensed podiatrist may prescribe and administer drugs  
27 and tests, excluding general and spinal anesthesia, that are  
28 essential to the practice of podiatric medicine when used for or  
29 in connection with treatment of disorders of the human foot and  
30 ankle and their governing and related structures, including the  
31 muscles or tendons of the lower leg governing the functions of the  
32 foot and ankle and soft tissue up to the tibial  
33 tubercle/tuberosity.

34 (4) A licensed podiatrist may also perform surgical and/or  
35 medical treatment of the ankle and governing structures and tissue  
36 when the podiatrist has successfully completed a Council on  
37 Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) approved three (3) year  
38 postgraduate residency.

39 (5) A properly licensed in Mississippi may  
40 perform conservative and surgical treatments of the foot and ankle  
41 and their governing and related structures, including the muscles  
42 or tendons of the lower leg governing the functions of the foot  
43 and ankle and soft tissue up to the tibial tubercle/tuberosity,  
44 when that podiatrist has completed training determined to be  
45 sufficient by the State Board of Medical Licensure at a program



46 accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting association  
47 acceptable to the board. Implementation of the provisions of this  
48 subsection (5) shall be made pursuant to rules promulgated by the  
49 board that are predicated on the education or level of training,  
50 or both, of an applicant.

51           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
52 and after July 1, 2025.

