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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



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

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

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

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

(5) A podiatrist properly licensed in Mississippi may perform conservative and surgical treatments of the foot and ankle and their governing and related structures, including the muscles or tendons of the lower leg governing the functions of the foot and ankle and soft tissue up to the tibial tubercle/tuberosity, when that podiatrist has completed training determined to be 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.

