

By: Representative Barton

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 41

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-27-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
 2 AUTHORIZE LICENSED PODIATRISTS TO PERFORM SURGICAL AND/OR MEDICAL
 3 TREATMENT OF THE ANKLE AND GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND TISSUE WHEN
 4 THE PODIATRIST HAS MET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE THAT A
 5 LICENSED PODIATRIST MAY PERFORM ANKLE SURGERY ONLY IN AN
 6 ACCREDITED HOSPITAL IN WHICH THE PODIATRIST HAS RECEIVED SURGICAL
 7 PRIVILEGES TO PERFORM ANKLE SURGERY; TO PROVIDE THAT SURGICAL
 8 TREATMENT OF THE ANKLE IS LIMITED TO PROCEDURES LISTED BY THE
 9 COUNCIL OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EDUCATION AS BEING REQUIRED FOR
 10 GRADUATION AND CERTIFICATION IN REARFOOT AND ANKLE SURGERY; AND
 11 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

15 73-27-1. (1) The practice of podiatric medicine is that
 16 profession concerned with the prevention, examination, diagnosis
 17 and medical, surgical and adjuvant treatment of conditions of the
 18 human foot. For the purposes of this chapter, "foot" means that
 19 part of the human anatomy which consists of the tarsal bones,
 20 metatarsal bones and phalanges.

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



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

27 (4) A licensed podiatrist may also perform surgical and/or
28 medical treatment of the ankle and governing structures and tissue
29 when the podiatrist:

30 (a) Has completed a minimum three (3) year post
31 graduate residency accredited by the Council on Podiatric Medical
32 Education (CPME); and

33 (b) Is qualified or certified by the American Board of
34 Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS) to perform "Reconstructive Rearfoot
35 and Ankle Surgery" (RRA).

36 (5) A licensed podiatrist may perform ankle surgery only in
37 an accredited hospital in which the podiatrist has received
38 surgical privileges, by the medical staff of that facility, to
39 perform ankle surgery and other delineation of privileges. For
40 the purpose of this subsection, an accredited hospital is one that
41 is actively licensed in Mississippi by the State Department of
42 Health as an acute care hospital with surgical services available.

43 (6) Surgical treatment of the ankle is limited to procedures
44 listed by the Council of Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) in
45 CPME 320, and their successors, as being required for graduation
46 and certification in rearfoot and ankle surgery.



47 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
48 and after July 1, 2024.

