

By: Senator(s) Blackwell

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2074

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-27-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE THE DEFINITION OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE TO INCLUDE TREATMENT  
3 OF THE FOOT AND ANKLE AND THEIR GOVERNING AND RELATED STRUCTURES;  
4 TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF PODIATRIST TO MEAN A PHYSICIAN WHO  
5 ENGAGES IN THE PRACTICE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE; AND FOR RELATED  
6 PURPOSES.

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

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

10 73-27-1. (1) The practice of podiatric medicine is that  
11 profession concerned with the prevention, examination, diagnosis  
12 and medical, surgical and adjuvant treatment of conditions of the  
13 human foot and ankle, and their governing and related structures,  
14 including the muscles or tendons of the lower leg governing the  
15 functions of the foot and ankle. \* \* \*

16 (2) A podiatrist is a \* \* \* physician who engages in the  
17 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 and  
22 ankle, and their governing and related structures, including the  
23 muscles or tendons of the lower leg governing the functions of the  
24 foot and ankle.

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

