

By: Senator(s) Blackwell

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2345

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 REQUIRE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE TO PROMULGATE RULES  
5 RELATED TO THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

9 73-27-1. (1) The practice of podiatric medicine is that  
10 profession concerned with the prevention, examination, diagnosis  
11 and medical, surgical and adjuvant treatment of conditions of the  
12 human foot and ankle, and their governing and related structures,  
13 including the muscles or tendons of the lower leg governing the  
14 functions of the foot and ankle, including soft tissue up to the  
15 tibial tubercle/tuberosity. \* \* \*

16 (2) For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms  
17 shall have the meanings ascribed herein:

18 (a) "Ankle" consists of the ankle joint which consists  
19 of the distal third of the tibia and fibula and their



20 articulations with the talus and the soft tissue structures  
21 surrounding the foot and ankle.

22 (b) "Board" means the Mississippi State Board of  
23 Medical Licensure.

24 (c) "Physician" means any person with a valid doctor of  
25 medicine, doctor of osteopathy or doctor of podiatric medicine.

26 ( \* \* \*3) A podiatrist is a \* \* \* physician who engages in  
27 the practice of podiatric medicine.

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

36 A podiatrist properly licensed in this state may perform  
37 conservative and surgical treatments of the foot and ankle and  
38 governing and related structures, including the muscles or tendons  
39 of the lower leg governing the functions of the foot and ankle and  
40 soft tissue up to the tibial tubercle/tuberosity, when that  
41 podiatrist has completed training determined to be sufficient by  
42 the board at a program accredited by a nationally recognized  
43 accrediting association acceptable by the board. Implementation  
44 of the provisions of this subsection (4) shall be made pursuant to



45 rules promulgated by the board, which are predicated on the  
46 education or level of training, or both, of an applicant.

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

