

HOUSE No. 2269

By Mr. Vallee of Franklin, petition of James E. Vallee relative to the registration of podiatrists. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION OF PODIATRISTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 13 and inserting in place thereof the following section:—
3 Section 13: Podiatry as used in this chapter shall mean the diag-
4 nosis and treatment of the structures of the human foot and ankle by
5 medical, mechanical, surgical, manipulative and electrical means,
6 and expecting treatment of systematic conditions. Ankle surgery
7 shall require appropriate certification or documented advanced
8 training, as determined sufficient by the Board of Registration in
9 Podiatry. This section and sections fourteen to twenty-two, inclusive,
10 shall not apply to surgeons of the United States army, navy or the
11 United States Public Health Service, nor to physicians registered in
12 the commonwealth. The term physician and surgeon when used in
13 sections twelve B, twelve G, twenty-three N and eighty B shall
14 include a podiatrist acting within the limitation imposed by this
15 section.