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1 Enrolled, An Act, 2 Relating to podiatry; to amend Section 34-24-230, Code 3 4 of Alabama 1975; to expand the scope of the practice of podiatry to include treatment of disorders of the foot and 5 ankle. 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA: 7 8 Section 1. Section 34-24-230, Code of Alabama 1975, is 9 amended to read as follows: "\$34-24-230 10 11 For purposes of this title, the following terms shall have the respective meanings ascribed by this section: 12 13 (1) ANKLE. Consists of the ankle joint which consists of the distal third of the tibia and fibula and their 14 15 articulations with the talus and the soft tissue structures surrounding the foot and ankle. 16 (1) (8) PODIATRY. The diagnosis and treatment of 17 18 disorders of the human foot and ankle, as described herein. 19 (2) (9) PRACTICE OF PODIATRY. The diagnosis and medical 20 or surgical or mechanical or manipulative or electrical 21 treatment of any ailment of the human foot or ankle-except 22 such definition does not include the amputation of the foot or 23 the administering of an anesthetic other than local and the 24 surgical treatment of ailments of the human foot or ankle 25 limited anatomically to the foot or ankle. The practice of 26 podiatry shall include the amputation of the toes and other parts of the foot and ankle, but shall not include any 27

amputation above the Chopart joint or total ankle arthroplasty

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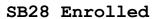


29	or the administration of any anesthetic other than local. A
30	podiatrist may prescribe drugs that relate specifically to the
31	scope of practice authorized herein.
32	(4) FOOT. The terminal appendage of the lower extremity
33	and contains 28 bones and is divided into three parts - the
34	forefoot, the midfoot, and the hindfoot. The forefoot consists
35	of 14 phalanges, five metatarsals, and the tibial and fibular
36	sesamoid bones. The midfoot consists of five tarsal bones and
37	their articulations. The hindfoot consists of two tarsal
38	bones, the calcaneus, and the talus. The foot is defined as
39	including all 28 complete bony structures below the ankle
40	joint.
41	(2) DIAGNOSIS. The process of ascertaining a disease or
42	ailment by its general symptoms.
43	$\frac{(4)}{(7)}$ MEDICAL TREATMENT. The application to or
44	prescription for the foot or ankle of pads, fiberglass,
45	adhesives, felt, plaster, or any medicinal agency for both
46	external and internal use in connection with treatment of
47	local ailments of the human foot or ankle, except such
48	<pre>definition. The term does not include the medical treatment of</pre>
49	any systemic disease, but does allow treating includes
50	treatment for the local manifestations of those systemic
51	diseases in the foot or ankle.
52	$\frac{(5)}{(10)}$ SURGICAL TREATMENT. The use of any cutting
53	instrument to treat a disease, ailment, or condition of the
54	human foot or ankle as defined herein, except that a
55	podiatrist shall not be authorized to amputate the human foot,
56	or perform any surgery on the human body at or above the ankle



- 57 joint, or administer anesthetics other than local anesthetics.
- (6) MECHANICAL TREATMENT. The application of any mechanical appliance made of steel, leather, felt, or any material to the foot<u>or ankle</u> or in the shoe for the purpose of treating any disease, deformity, or ailment.
 - (7) (5) MANIPULATIVE TREATMENT. The use of the hand or machinery in the operation or working upon the foot and or ankle its articulations.

- (8) (3) ELECTRICAL TREATMENT. Any treatment by means and methods supplied by electric current.
 - extremity. It contains 26 bones and is divided into three parts the forefoot, the midfoot, and the hindfoot. The forefoot consists of 14 phalanges and five metatarsals. The midfoot consists of five tarsal bones and their articulations. The hindfoot consists of two tarsal bones, the calcaneus and the talus. The foot is defined as including all 26 complete boney structures below the ankle joint, which ankle joint consists of the distal tibia and fibula and their articulations with the talus. The distal aspect of the tibia and fibula, the achilles tendon, and all structures above the dome of the talus reside within the leg."
 - Section 2. A podiatrist may not surgically treat osseous ailments of the ankle unless he or she has completed at least 36 months of post-graduate residency training approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Educations of the American Podiatric Medical Association.
- Section 3. This act shall become effective on the first





- 85 day of the third month following its passage and approval by
- the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.



President and Presiding Officer of the Senate Speaker of the House of Representatives SB28 Senate 05-Apr-23 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate, as amended. Patrick Harris, Secretary. House of Representatives Passed: 25-Apr-23 115 By: Senator Melson