

**Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015**

SENATE BILL NO. 2128  
(Government and Veterans Affairs Committee)  
(At the request of the North Dakota Board of Podiatric Medicine)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 43-05-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of podiatric medicine.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 5 of section 43-05-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5. ~~"Podiatric medicine" means the profession of the health services concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of conditions affecting the human foot and ankle including local manifestations of systemic conditions by all appropriate systems and means and includes the prescribing or administering of drugs or medications necessary or helpful to that profession.:~~
  - a. The medical and surgical treatment and diagnosis of ailments of the human foot, ankle, and other related soft tissue structures below the tibial tuberosity that govern the functions of the foot and ankle, not including extra articular osseous injuries above the distal metaphyseal scar. Podiatrists may treat and diagnose conditions of the foot and ankle by any medically accepted system or method necessary;
  - b. The amputation of the toes, parts of the foot, or foot in its entirety, indicated as medically necessary;
  - c. The use of such preparations, medicines, and drugs as may be necessary for the treatment of such ailments;
  - d. The performance of history and physical examinations upon admitting patients to facilities where they are recognized with requisite credentials and privileges;
  - e. That podiatrists may function as assistant surgeons in nonpodiatric procedures; and
  - f. That podiatric medical residents working under a temporary permit may fully participate in rotations and assist and perform treatments and diagnosis beyond the foot and ankle, under appropriate supervision within an approved residency program as part of their medical surgical training.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2128.

Senate Vote:    Yeas 43            Nays 3            Absent 1

House Vote:    Yeas 89            Nays 1            Absent 4

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State