

Introduced by

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

(At the request of the North Dakota Board of Podiatric Medicine)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 43-05-01 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the definition of podiatric medicine.

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

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

6 5. "Podiatric medicine" means ~~the profession of the health services concerned with the~~  
7 ~~diagnosis and treatment of conditions affecting the human foot and ankle including~~  
8 ~~local manifestations of systemic conditions by all appropriate systems and means and~~  
9 ~~includes the prescribing or administering of drugs or medications necessary or helpful~~  
10 ~~to that profession.;~~

11 a. The medical and surgical treatment and diagnosis of ailments of the human foot,  
12 ankle, and other related soft tissue structures below the tibial tuberosity that  
13 govern the functions of the foot and ankle, not including extra articular osseous  
14 injuries above the distal metaphyseal scar. Podiatrists may treat and diagnose  
15 conditions of the foot and ankle by any medically accepted system or method  
16 necessary;

17 b. The amputation of the toes, parts of the foot, or foot in its entirety, indicated as  
18 medically necessary;

19 c. The use of such preparations, medicines, and drugs as may be necessary for the  
20 treatment of such ailments;

21 d. The performance of history and physical examinations upon admitting patients to  
22 facilities where they are recognized with requisite credentials and privileges;

23 e. That podiatrists may function as assistant surgeons in nonpodiatric procedures;  
24 and

- 1            f. That podiatric medical residents working under a temporary permit may fully
- 2            participate in rotations and assist and perform treatments and diagnosis beyond
- 3            the foot and ankle, under appropriate supervision within an approved residency
- 4            program as part of their medical surgical training.