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**By: Delegates Klausmeier, Stup, and Goldwater**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Podiatrists - Scope of Practice**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the scope of practice for a licensed podiatrist by repealing  
4 practice exclusions for triple arthrodesis, ankle fusions, and the surgical treatment  
5 of ankle trauma, but excluding the surgical treatment of acute ankle fracture; and  
6 generally relating to the scope of practice for podiatry.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Health Occupations  
9 Section 16-101(f)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Health Occupations**

15 16-101.

16 (f) (1) "Practice podiatry" means to diagnose or surgically, medically, or  
17 mechanically treat any ailment of the human foot or ankle, or any ailment of the  
18 anatomical structures that attach to the human foot.

19 (2) "Practice podiatry" does not include:

20 (i) [Triple arthrodesis, ankle fusions, or surgical] SURGICAL  
21 treatment of ACUTE ankle [trauma] FRACTURE; or

22 (ii) Administration of an anesthetic, other than a local anesthetic.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 1997.