

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 485 (Senator Hollinger, *et al.*)  
Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**Podiatrists - Scope of Practice**

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This bill alters the scope of practice for a licensed podiatrist by (1) repealing practice exclusions for triple arthrodesis, ankle fusions, and the surgical treatment of ankle trauma; and (2) excluding surgical treatment of acute ankle fracture.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not directly affect governmental finances or operation.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal. The bill alters the scope of practice for podiatrists. The changes, however, are not expected to materially affect the business of podiatry.

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