

I am writing to you as an orthopaedic surgeon urging you to oppose and vote NO on House Bill 428 (HB0428). This bill that would alter the term “podiatrist” to be “podiatric physician.” This bill is an attempt by non-physicians to confuse the public by using the term “physician.” There is already confusion in the general public regarding the difference in level of training and scope of practice between podiatrists and orthopaedic surgeons. This bill will be a disservice to the public by labeling them “physicians” without them having to apply, complete and graduate from medical school. I respectfully request that you oppose and vote NO on House Bill 428. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

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