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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 280, L.D. 893, Bill,  
"AN ACT Concerning the Power of Podiatrists."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in its place the following:

'§3551. Definitions

The practice of podiatry is defined as the diagnosis and treatment of the human foot by medical, mechanical or surgical means without the use of anesthetics, except that: The administration and use of local anesthesia shall be permitted by those podiatrists who have been granted a doctorate degree from a school approved by the examiners; or the use of local anesthesia may be used in conjunction with the practice of podiatry by those podiatrists who have not been granted a doctorate degree from a school approved by the examiners when it is administered by a medical or osteopathic physician who assumes responsibility for the administration of anesthesia to a patient being treated by such a podiatrist; or the use of general anesthesia shall be permitted in conjunction with the practice of podiatry when it is administered by a medical or osteopathic physician who assumes responsibility for the administration of that anesthesia to a patient being treated by a podiatrist. For the purposes of this section, a podiatrist is defined as one who administers only such treatment to the human foot. The words "podiatrists" and "chiropractist," "podiatry" and "chiropractic" shall be construed to be synonymous.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to change the language of the original bill to more clearly express the legislative intent.

Filed by Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick.

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