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S.P. 51

In Senate, January 17, 2017

An Act To Authorize Podiatrists To Perform Certain Routine Procedures

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: GRATWICK of Penobscot, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: BATES of Westbrook, PERRY of Calais.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3551, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §229, is
3 amended to read:

4 **4. Practice of podiatric medicine.** "Practice of podiatric medicine" means the
5 diagnosis and treatment of maladies of the human foot and ankle by medical, surgical or
6 mechanical means. ~~Practice of podiatric medicine~~ "Practice of podiatric medicine"
7 includes the performance of a history and physical on a podiatrist's preoperative patient
8 and upon the patient's admission into a hospital or ambulatory surgical center. "Practice
9 of podiatric medicine" includes the administration of local anesthesia in conjunction with
10 the practice of podiatry. The use of general anesthesia is permitted in conjunction with
11 the practice of podiatry when administered or supervised by a medical or osteopathic
12 physician who assumes responsibility for the administration of that anesthesia to a patient
13 being treated by a podiatrist.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill amends the definition of "practice of podiatric medicine" to include the
16 performance of a history and physical on a podiatrist's preoperative patient and upon the
17 patient's admission into a hospital or ambulatory surgical center.