

## HOUSE BILL No. 2118

By Committee on Health and Human Services

1-23

1 AN ACT concerning podiatry; amending K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 65-2002 and  
2 repealing the existing section.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 65-2002 is hereby amended to read as  
6 follows: 65-2002. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to profess to be a  
7 podiatrist, to practice or assume the duties incidental to podiatry, to  
8 advertise or hold oneself out to the public as a podiatrist, or to use any sign  
9 or advertisement with the word or words podiatrist, foot specialist, foot  
10 correctionist, foot expert, practapedist or chiropodist, or any other term or  
11 terms indicating that such person is a podiatrist or that such person  
12 practices or holds oneself out as practicing podiatry or foot correction in  
13 any manner, without first obtaining from the board a license authorizing  
14 the practice of podiatry in this state, except as hereinafter provided.

15 (b) A licensed podiatrist shall be authorized to prescribe such drugs or  
16 medicine, and to perform such surgery on the human foot, ankle and  
17 tendons that insert into the foot, including amputation of the toes or part of  
18 the foot, as may be necessary to the proper practice of podiatry, but no  
19 podiatrist shall amputate the human foot or administer any anesthetic other  
20 than local.

21 (c) This act shall not prohibit the recommendation, advertising, fitting  
22 or sale of corrective shoes, arch supports, or similar mechanical  
23 appliances, or foot remedies by manufacturers, wholesalers or retail  
24 dealers.

25 (d) No podiatrist shall perform surgery on the ankle unless such  
26 person has completed a three-year post-doctoral surgical residency  
27 program in ~~reconstructive rearfoot/ankle~~ *foot and ankle* surgery ~~and or~~ is  
28 either board-certified or board qualified progressing to board certification  
29 in ~~reconstructive rearfoot/ankle~~ *foot and ankle* surgery by a nationally  
30 recognized certifying organization acceptable to the board. Surgical  
31 treatment of the ankle by a podiatrist shall be performed only in a medical  
32 care facility, as defined in K.S.A. 65-425, and amendments thereto.

33 (e) Not later than 90 days after the effective date of this act, the board  
34 shall appoint a five-member committee to be known as the podiatry  
35 interdisciplinary advisory committee. Such committee shall advise and  
36 make recommendations to the board on matters relating to licensure of

1 podiatrists to perform surgery on the ankle pursuant to subsection (d). The  
2 podiatry interdisciplinary advisory committee shall consist of five  
3 members:

4 (1) One member of the board appointed by the board who shall serve  
5 as a nonvoting chairperson;

6 (2) two persons licensed to practice medicine and surgery specializing  
7 in orthopedics, chosen by the board from four names submitted by the  
8 Kansas medical society; and

9 (3) two podiatrists, at least one of whom shall have completed an  
10 accredited residency in foot and ankle surgery, chosen by the board from  
11 four names submitted by the Kansas podiatric medical association.

12 Members appointed to such committee shall serve at the pleasure of the  
13 board without compensation. All expenses of the committee shall be paid  
14 by the board. The provisions of this subsection shall expire on July 1,  
15 2018.

16 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 65-2002 is hereby repealed.

17 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
18 publication in the statute book.