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S.B. No. 1395

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of foot for purposes of the practice of podiatry.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 202.001, Occupations Code, is amended by adding a new Subdivision (3) and redesignating existing Subdivisions (3) and (4) as Subdivisions (4) and (5) to read as follows:

(3) "Foot" means the portion of a lower limb situated below the ankle joint.

(4) "Podiatrist" means a person who:

(A) is licensed under this chapter to practice podiatry and who directly or indirectly charges money or other compensation for podiatric services; or

(B) publicly professes or claims to be a podiatrist, foot specialist, or doctor or uses any title, degree, letter, syllable, or word that would lead the public to believe that the person is a practitioner authorized to practice or assume the duties incident to the practice of podiatry.

(5) [~~(4)~~] "Podiatry" means the treatment of or offer to treat any disease, disorder, physical injury, deformity, or ailment of the human foot by any system or method. The term includes podiatric medicine.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.