

The term "arthrodesis" used in paragraph (2)(i) of this subsection means the fusion of two bones -- yet that paragraph forbids the arthrodesis of two or more tarsal bones. The adjective "tarsal" could refer only to any of the tarsus bones of the upper foot or also could refer to the metatarsus bones which make up the midfoot. Therefore, the exact types of fusions meant to be prohibited are not clear. The Board has interpreted the present provision to mean that a podiatrist may not fuse more than two bones of any kind. The General Assembly may wish to clarify this definition.

REVISOR'S NOTE TO SECTION: Present Art. 43, § 492 (e) and (f), which defines "financial interest" and "household member", is deleted as unnecessary in light of the definitions of "household member" and "substantial financial interest" in § 1-101 of this article.

15-102. SCOPE OF TITLE.

(A) INDIVIDUALS EXEMPT.

THIS TITLE DOES NOT LIMIT THE RIGHT OF AN INDIVIDUAL TO PRACTICE A HEALTH OCCUPATION THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

(B) COMMERCIAL SALE OR FITTING.

THIS TITLE DOES NOT AFFECT THE COMMERCIAL SALE OR FITTING OF SHOES OR FOOT APPLIANCES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from Art. 43, § 489(c).

In subsection (a) of this section, the present reference in Art. 43, § 489(c) to "doctors of medicine" is replaced by a reference to any individual authorized "to practice a health occupation" to reflect more accurately the state of the present law and to conform to the language used in similar provisions in other titles of this article.

SUBTITLE 2. STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS.

15-201. BOARD ESTABLISHED.

THERE IS A STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS IN THE DEPARTMENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as the first sentence of Art. 43, § 482(a).