

(1991 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 16-103

Annotated Code of Maryland

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 19-351(b)(1)

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(1990 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Health Occupations**

16-101.

(f) (1) “Practice podiatry” means to diagnose or surgically, medically, or mechanically treat any ailment of the human foot AND ANKLE AND ~~THEIR RELATED GOVERNING STRUCTURES~~ THE ANATOMICAL STRUCTURES THAT ATTACH TO THE FOOT.

(2) “Practice podiatry” does not include:

(i) [Arthrodesis of two or more tarsal bones;

(ii) Complete tarsal osteotomy; or

(iii)] Administration of an anesthetic, other than a local anesthetic;

(II) OPEN OR CLOSED REDUCTION OF ANKLE FRACTURES WITH MANIPULATION;

(III) REPAIR OF ACUTE ACHILLES’ TENDON RUPTURE;

(IV) ANKLE ARTHRODESES; OR

(V) REPAIR OF CHRONIC LATERAL ANKLE INSTABILITY.

16-103.

(A) IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A LICENSED PODIATRIST MAY PERFORM SURGICAL PROCEDURES ON THE ANKLE ONLY IF THE LICENSED PODIATRIST HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE TO THE HOSPITAL CONSIDERING THE PODIATRIST’S APPLICATION FOR PRIVILEGES TO PERFORM SURGICAL PROCEDURES ON THE ANKLE.