

licensed hospitals in the State to establish qualifications or delineate privileges for the performance of certain surgical procedures by licensed podiatrists in hospitals; requiring certain hospitals and related institutions to include certain provisions in their bylaws, rules, or regulations; clarifying the application of certain provisions of this Act to limited licensees and to hospitals; and generally relating to the practice of podiatry.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 16–101(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 16–103

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 19–351(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1991 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 OR ANKLE, OR ANY AILMENT OF THE ANATOMICAL STRUCTURES THAT ATTACH TO THE HUMAN FOOT.

(2) “Practice podiatry” does not include:

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

(ii) Complete tarsal osteotomy; or

(iii)] (I) TRIPLE ARTHRODESIS, ANKLE FUSIONS, OR SURGICAL TREATMENT OF ANKLE TRAUMA, ~~UNLESS THE PODIATRIST HAS COMPLETED A 24 MONTH POSTGRADUATE SURGICAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL ON PODIATRIC MEDICAL EDUCATION, OR ITS SUCCESSOR; OR~~

(II) Administration of an anesthetic, other than a local anesthetic.