

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Thomas P. Kennedy**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to podiatrists performing surgery.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Thomas P. Kennedy

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Plymouth and Bristol

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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AN ACT relative to podiatrists performing surgery.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 13 and inserting in place thereof the  
2 following section:-  
3 Section 13. Podiatry as used in this chapter shall mean the diagnosis and treatment of the structures of the  
4 human foot and ankle by medical, mechanical, surgical, manipulative and electrical means, and expecting treatment  
5 of systematic conditions. The Board of Registration in Podiatry and the Board of Registration in Medicine shall  
6 jointly determine appropriate advanced educational and documentation requirements for ankle surgery. Podiatrists  
7 certified and registered to perform ankle surgery shall be subject to the provisions of sections five, five A, five I, and  
8 nine K. This section and sections fourteen to twenty-two, inclusive, shall not apply to surgeons of the United States  
9 army, navy or the United States Public Health Service, nor to physicians registered in the commonwealth. The term  
10 physician and surgeon when used in sections twelve B, twelve G, twenty-three N and eighty B shall include a  
11 podiatrist acting within the limitation imposed by this section.