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## BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 901 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Jim Stamas  
Committee: Health Policy

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend Part 180 (Podiatric Medicine and Surgery) of the Public Health Code to modify the definition of "practice of podiatric medicine and surgery" and revise the exclusion of certain procedures.

Under Part 180, a person must not engage in the practice of podiatric medicine and surgery or practice as a physician's assistance unless licensed or otherwise authorized by Article 15 (Occupations).

The Code defines "practice of podiatric medicine and surgery" as the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of abnormal nails, superficial excrescences occurring on the human hands and feet, including corns, warts, callosities, and bunions, and arch troubles or the treatment medically, surgically, mechanically, or by physiotherapy of ailments of human feet or ankles as they affect the condition of the feet.

The bill, instead, would define "practice of podiatric medicine and surgery" as either of the following:

- The treatment of ulcerations below the tibial tuberosity and of human nail diseases, callosities, and verruca.
- The evaluation, diagnosis, management, and prevention of conditions of the lower extremities, including local manifestations of systemic conditions in the human foot and ankle by attending to and advising patients; through the use of devices, diagnostic tests, drugs and biologicals, surgical procedures, or other means; and osseous and soft tissue procedures that address the pathology of the foot, ankle, and the contiguous attachments below the tibial tuberosity.

Currently, the term does not include amputation of human feet, or the use or administration of anesthetics other than local. Under the bill, it would not include amputations proximal to the tibiotalar joint, or the administration of intravenous sedation or general anesthesia.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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