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Senate Bill 901 (as introduced 3-8-18)
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Committee: Health Policy

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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 evaluation, diagnosis, management, and prevention of conditions of the lower extremities, including local manifestations of systemic conditions, affecting the governing and related structure of the human foot and ankle distal to the tibial tubercle, by attending to and advising patients, and through the use of devices, diagnostic tests, drugs and biologicals, surgical procedures, or other means.
- The treatment of ulcerations below the knee and of nail diseases and superficial excrescences occurring on the human hands.

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 at or above the tibiotalar joint or the administration of deep sedation or general anesthesia.

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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