

# SENATE BILL 311

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By: **Senator Reilly**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Podiatric Physicians**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the term “podiatrist” to be “podiatric physician”; and generally  
4 relating to podiatric physicians.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article – Commercial Law  
7 Section 13–104(1)  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Corporations and Associations  
12 Section 4A–101(a) and 5–101(a)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Corporations and Associations  
17 Section 4A–101(t)(2)(viii) and 5–101(g)(2)(vii)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
21 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
22 Section 3–2A–01(a)  
23 Annotated Code of Maryland  
24 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

25 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
26 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 Section 3–2A–01(f)(1)  
2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
3 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
- 4 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
5 Article – Criminal Law  
6 Section 3–101(a)  
7 Annotated Code of Maryland  
8 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Criminal Law  
11 Section 3–101(b)(3)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Education  
16 Section 15–122(a)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
- 19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
20 Article – Estates and Trusts  
21 Section 7–401(bb)  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
- 24 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
25 Article – Health – General  
26 Section 3–401(a), 19–2001(a)(1), and 21–1112(a)(1)  
27 Annotated Code of Maryland  
28 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
- 29 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
30 Article – Health – General  
31 Section 3–401(b), 4–401(a)(7), 4–403(a)(1)(xvi), 15–103(c)(3), 19–351(b), 19–712.5(f),  
32 19–2001(a)(4)(ii)8., and 21–1112(a)(2)  
33 Annotated Code of Maryland  
34 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
- 35 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
36 Article – Health Occupations  
37 Section 1–801(a), 8–512(a)(1), 12–101(a), 12–6A–01(a), and 16–101(a)  
38 Annotated Code of Maryland  
39 (2021 Replacement Volume)

1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
2 Article – Health Occupations  
3 Section 1–801(d)(7), 8–512(a)(2), 12–101(b), 12–102(a), (c)(2)(ii), (d)(2), (e)(1), (f)(1),  
4 (g), and (m), 12–102.1(b), 12–102.2(b), 12–6A–01(b), and  
5 14–5F–14(b)(3); and 16–101(d) and (e), 16–103, 16–202(a)(2) and (3), (c), and  
6 (d)(2) and (3), 16–205(a)(2) and (b)(3)(ii) and (iii) and (4), 16–307(f)(1),  
7 16–308(a)(3) and (b), 16–310(a), 16–311(b), 16–318(a), 16–401, 16–402,  
8 16–403, and 16–404 to be under the amended title “Title 16. Podiatric  
9 Physicians”  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2021 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Insurance  
14 Section 4–401(a)(1)(i) and (e)(3), 14–101(b), 14–110(a)(2)(ii)2., 15–702(b), 15–713(b)  
15 and (c), and 15–805(a)(2)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
19 Article – Insurance  
20 Section 14–101(a) and 15–805(a)(1)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
24 Article – State Personnel and Pensions  
25 Section 9–504(b)(2)(x)  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland  
27 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

28 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
29 Article – Transportation  
30 Section 13–616(a)(1)  
31 Annotated Code of Maryland  
32 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

33 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
34 Article – Transportation  
35 Section 13–616(a)(8) and (b)(1) and (2)(ii), 13–616.1(a)(2)(i) and (j), and  
36 13–616.2(a)(1)(iii), (c)(1), and (h)  
37 Annotated Code of Maryland  
38 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

1 **Article – Commercial Law**

2 13–104.

3 This title does not apply to:

4 (1) The professional services of a certified public accountant, architect,  
5 clergyman, professional engineer, lawyer, veterinarian, insurance company authorized to  
6 do business in the State, insurance producer licensed by the State, Christian Science  
7 practitioner, land surveyor, property line surveyor, chiropractor, optometrist, physical  
8 therapist, [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**, real estate broker, associate real estate  
9 broker, or real estate salesperson, or medical or dental practitioner;

10 **Article – Corporations and Associations**

11 4A–101.

12 (a) In this title the following terms have the meanings indicated.

13 (t) (2) “Professional service” includes a service provided by:

14 (viii) A [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**;

15 5–101.

16 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

17 (g) (2) “Professional service” includes, but is not limited to, a service provided  
18 by:19 (vii) A [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**;20 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

21 3–2A–01.

22 (a) In this subtitle the following terms have the meanings indicated unless the  
23 context of their use requires otherwise.

24 (f) (1) “Health care provider” means a hospital, a related institution as defined  
25 in § 19–301 of the Health – General Article, a medical day care center, a hospice care  
26 program, an assisted living program, a freestanding ambulatory care facility as defined in  
27 § 19–3B–01 of the Health – General Article, a physician, an osteopath, an optometrist, a  
28 chiropractor, a registered or licensed practical nurse, a dentist, a [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**  
29 **PHYSICIAN**, a psychologist, a licensed certified social worker–clinical, and a physical  
30 therapist, licensed or authorized to provide one or more health care services in Maryland.

**Article – Criminal Law**

1  
2 3–101.

3 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

4 (b) “Licensed health care professional” means a duly licensed or certified:

5 (3) [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**;

**Article – Education**

6  
7 15–122.

8 (a) This section applies only to an institution of higher education that awards a  
9 degree that an individual may use to meet the educational requirements for licensure under  
10 the Health Occupations Article as a physician, advanced practice nurse, dentist, physician  
11 assistant, or [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**.

**Article – Estates and Trusts**

12  
13 7–401.

14 (bb) If the estate is of a physician, [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**,  
15 optometrist, or dentist who was a sole practitioner, the administrator shall follow the notice  
16 requirements under § 4–305 of the Health – General Article before the destruction or  
17 transfer of any medical records of a patient of the decedent.

**Article – Health – General**

18  
19 3–401.

20 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

21 (b) “Authorized prescriber” means a licensed registered nurse, licensed dentist,  
22 licensed physician, licensed physician’s assistant, licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**  
23 **PHYSICIAN**, or other individual authorized by law to prescribe prescription or  
24 nonprescription drugs or devices.

25 4–401.

26 (a) In this section, “provider” means:

27 (7) A [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**; or

28 4–403.

1 (a) (1) In this section, a “health care provider” means:

2 (xvi) A [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**;

3 15–103.

4 (c) (3) The Secretary may contract with insurance companies or nonprofit  
5 health service plans or with individuals, associations, partnerships, incorporated or  
6 unincorporated groups of physicians, chiropractors, dentists, [podiatrists] **PODIATRIC**  
7 **PHYSICIANS**, optometrists, pharmacists, hospitals, nursing homes, nurses, including  
8 nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives and certified nurse practitioners, opticians, and other  
9 health practitioners who are licensed or certified in this State and perform services on the  
10 prescription or referral of a physician.

11 19–351.

12 (b) (1) A hospital or related institution that provides services that licensed  
13 [podiatrists] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIANS** are authorized to perform under Title 16 of the  
14 Health Occupations Article, other than incidental care, shall include, in its bylaws, rules,  
15 or regulations, provisions for use of facilities by and staff privileges for qualified  
16 [podiatrists] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIANS**.

17 (2) The hospital or related institution may restrict use of facilities and staff  
18 privileges by [podiatrists] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIANS** to those [podiatrists] **PODIATRIC**  
19 **PHYSICIANS** who meet the qualifications that the hospital or related institution sets for  
20 granting those privileges.

21 (3) The qualifications that the hospital or related institution sets for  
22 granting privileges for services that licensed [podiatrists] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIANS** are  
23 authorized to perform under Title 16 of the Health Occupations Article shall include  
24 consideration of the training, education, and experience of the [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**  
25 **PHYSICIAN**.

26 19–712.5.

27 (f) If a health maintenance organization authorizes, directs, refers, or otherwise  
28 allows a member or subscriber to access a hospital emergency facility or other urgent care  
29 facility for a medical condition that requires emergency surgery, the health maintenance  
30 organization:

31 (1) Shall reimburse the physician, oral surgeon, periodontist, or  
32 [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**, who performed the surgical procedure, for follow-up  
33 care that is:

34 (i) Medically necessary;

1 (ii) Directly related to the condition for which the surgical procedure  
2 was performed; and

3 (iii) Provided in consultation with the member's or subscriber's  
4 primary care physician; and

5 (2) May not impose on the member or subscriber any co-payment or other  
6 cost-sharing requirement for any follow-up care that exceeds what a member or subscriber  
7 is required to pay for services rendered by a physician, oral surgeon, periodontist, or  
8 [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** who is a member of the provider panel of the health  
9 maintenance organization.

10 19-2001.

11 (a) (1) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

12 (4) (ii) "Health care practitioner" does not include:

13 8. A [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**.

14 21-1112.

15 (a) (1) In this section the following terms have the meanings indicated.

16 (2) "Authorized prescriber" means a licensed dentist, licensed physician,  
17 licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**, licensed veterinarian, certified nurse  
18 midwife to the extent permitted under § 8-601 of the Health Occupations Article, certified  
19 nurse practitioner to the extent permitted under § 8-508 of the Health Occupations Article,  
20 or other individual authorized by law to prescribe prescription or nonprescription drugs or  
21 devices.

## 22 Article – Health Occupations

23 1-801.

24 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

25 (d) "Health care professional" means:

26 (7) A [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** licensed by the State Board of  
27 Podiatric Medical Examiners;

28 8-512.

29 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

1 (2) “Authorized prescriber” means a licensed registered nurse, licensed  
2 dentist, licensed physician, licensed physician’s assistant, licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**  
3 **PHYSICIAN**, or other individual authorized by law to prescribe prescription or  
4 nonprescription drugs or devices.

5 12–101.

6 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

7 (b) “Authorized prescriber” means any licensed dentist, licensed dental hygienist  
8 with prescriptive authority under § 4–206.4 of this article, licensed physician, licensed  
9 [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**, licensed veterinarian, advanced practice nurse with  
10 prescriptive authority under § 8–508 of this article, or other individual authorized by law  
11 to prescribe prescription or nonprescription drugs or devices.

12 12–102.

13 (a) (1) In this section the following terms have the meanings indicated.

14 (2) “In the public interest” means the dispensing of drugs or devices by a  
15 licensed dentist, physician, or [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** to a patient when a  
16 pharmacy is not conveniently available to the patient.

17 (3) “Personally preparing and dispensing” means that the licensed dentist,  
18 physician, or [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**:

19 (i) Is physically present on the premises where the prescription is  
20 filled; and

21 (ii) Performs a final check of the prescription before it is provided to  
22 the patient.

23 (c) (2) This title does not prohibit:

24 (ii) A licensed dentist, physician, or [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**  
25 **PHYSICIAN** from personally preparing and dispensing the dentist’s, physician’s, or  
26 [podiatrist’s] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN’S** prescriptions when:

27 1. The dentist, physician, or [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**  
28 **PHYSICIAN**:

29 A. Has applied to the board of licensure in this State which  
30 licensed the dentist, physician, or [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**;

31 B. Has demonstrated to the satisfaction of that board that the  
32 dispensing of prescription drugs or devices by the dentist, physician, or [podiatrist]



1 **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** is in the public interest;

2 C. Has received a written permit from that board to dispense  
3 prescription drugs or devices except that a written permit is not required in order to  
4 dispense starter dosages or samples without charge; and

5 D. Posts a sign conspicuously positioned and readable  
6 regarding the process for resolving incorrectly filled prescriptions or includes written  
7 information regarding the process with each prescription dispensed;

8 2. The person for whom the drugs or devices are prescribed  
9 is a patient of the prescribing dentist, physician, or [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**;

10 3. The dentist, physician, or [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**  
11 **PHYSICIAN** does not have a substantial financial interest in a pharmacy; and

12 4. The dentist, physician, or [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**  
13 **PHYSICIAN**:

14 A. Complies with the dispensing and labeling requirements  
15 of this title;

16 B. Records the dispensing of the prescription drug or device  
17 on the patient's chart;

18 C. Allows the Office of Controlled Substances Administration  
19 to enter and inspect the dentist's, physician's, or [podiatrist's] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN'S**  
20 office at all reasonable hours and in accordance with § 12-102.1 of this subtitle;

21 D. On inspection by the Office of Controlled Substances  
22 Administration, signs and dates an acknowledgment form provided by the Office of  
23 Controlled Substances Administration relating to the requirements of this section;

24 E. Except for starter dosages or samples without charge,  
25 provides the patient with a written prescription, maintains prescription files in accordance  
26 with § 12-403(c)(13) of this title, and maintains a separate file for Schedule II prescriptions;

27 F. Does not direct patients to a single pharmacist or  
28 pharmacy in accordance with § 12-403(c)(8) of this title;

29 G. Does not receive remuneration for referring patients to a  
30 pharmacist or pharmacy;

31 H. Complies with the child resistant packaging requirements  
32 regarding prescription drugs under Title 22, Subtitle 3 of the Health – General Article;

1 I. Complies with drug recalls;

2 J. Maintains biennial inventories and complies with any  
3 other federal and State record-keeping requirements relating to controlled dangerous  
4 substances;

5 K. Purchases prescription drugs from a pharmacy or  
6 wholesale distributor who holds a permit issued by the Board of Pharmacy, as verified by  
7 the Board of Pharmacy;

8 L. Annually reports to the respective board of licensure  
9 whether the dentist, physician, or [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** has personally  
10 prepared and dispensed prescription drugs within the previous year; and

11 M. Completes ten continuing education credits over a 5-year  
12 period relating to the preparing and dispensing of prescription drugs, offered by the  
13 Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) or as approved by the Secretary, in  
14 consultation with each respective board of licensure, as a condition of permit renewal;

15 (d) This title does not prohibit:

16 (2) A licensed dentist, licensed physician, or licensed [podiatrist]  
17 **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** from personally dispensing a drug or device sample to a patient of  
18 the licensed dentist, licensed physician, or licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** if:

19 (i) The sample complies with the labeling requirements of § 12-505  
20 of this title;

21 (ii) No charge is made for the sample; and

22 (iii) The authorized prescriber enters an appropriate record in the  
23 patient's chart.

24 (e) (1) This title does not prohibit:

25 (i) A dentist, physician, or [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**  
26 from administering a prescription drug or device in the course of treating a patient; or

27 (ii) A licensed dental hygienist from administering medication under  
28 § 4-206.4 of this article.

29 (f) (1) This title does not prohibit a dentist, physician, or [podiatrist]  
30 **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** from personally dispensing a starter dosage of a prescription drug  
31 or device to a patient of the dentist, physician, or [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**,  
32 provided that:

1 (i) The starter dosage complies with the labeling requirements of §  
2 12-505 of this title;

3 (ii) No charge is made for the starter dosage; and

4 (iii) The dentist, physician, or [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**  
5 enters an appropriate record on the patient's chart.

6 (g) This title does not prohibit a dentist, physician, or [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**  
7 **PHYSICIAN** from dispensing a prescription drug or device in the course of treating a  
8 patient:

9 (1) At a medical facility or clinic that is operated on a nonprofit basis;

10 (2) At a health center that operates on a campus of an institution of higher  
11 education; or

12 (3) At a public health facility, a medical facility under contract with a State  
13 or local health department, or a facility funded with public funds.

14 (m) A dentist, physician, or [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** who fails to  
15 comply with the provisions of this section governing the dispensing of prescription drugs or  
16 devices shall:

17 (1) Have the dispensing permit revoked; and

18 (2) Be subject to disciplinary actions by the appropriate licensing board.

19 12-102.1.

20 (b) The Office of Controlled Substances Administration shall enter and inspect  
21 the office of a dentist, physician, or [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** who holds:

22 (1) An initial dispensing permit:

23 (i) Within 6 months after receiving the report required under §  
24 12-102(l)(1) of this subtitle; and

25 (ii) At least one more time during the duration of the permit; and

26 (2) A renewed dispensing permit at least two times during the duration of  
27 the permit.

28 12-102.2.

29 (b) The Board of Dental Examiners, the Board of Physicians, and the Board of

1 Podiatric Medical Examiners shall charge a fee to a dentist, physician, or [podiatrist]  
2 **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** who holds a dispensing permit in an amount that will produce  
3 funds to approximate but not exceed the documented costs to the Office of Controlled  
4 Substances Administration for inspections of dispensing permit holders.

5 12-6A-01.

6 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

7 (b) “Authorized prescriber” means a licensed physician, licensed [podiatrist]  
8 **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**, or certified advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority  
9 under § 8-508 of this article.

10 14-5F-14.

11 (b) A license does not authorize a licensee to:

12 (3) Practice or claim to practice as a medical doctor or physician, an  
13 osteopath, a dentist, a [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**, an optometrist, a psychologist,  
14 a nurse practitioner, a physician assistant, a chiropractor, a physical therapist, an  
15 acupuncturist, or any other health care professional unless licensed under this article;

16 Title 16. [Podiatrists] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIANS**.

17 16-101.

18 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

19 (d) “Licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**” means, unless the context  
20 requires otherwise, a [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** who is licensed by the Board to  
21 practice podiatry.

22 (e) [“Podiatrist”] **“PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN”** means an individual who practices  
23 podiatry.

24 16-103.

25 (a) All osseous surgical procedures of the ankle, arthrodeses of 2 or more tarsal  
26 bones, and complete tarsal osteotomies that are performed by a licensed [podiatrist]  
27 **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** shall be performed in a licensed hospital or ambulatory surgical  
28 center, subject to the provisions of § 19-351 of the Health – General Article.

29 (b) A licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** who performs an osseous  
30 surgical procedure of the ankle, arthrodesis of 2 or more tarsal bones, or a complete tarsal  
31 osteotomy in a licensed ambulatory surgical center must:

1 (1) Have current surgical privileges at a licensed hospital for the same  
2 procedure; and

3 (2) Meet the requirements of the ambulatory surgical center.

4 (c) Nothing in this title shall prohibit a licensed hospital or ambulatory surgical  
5 center from establishing qualifications or delineating privileges for the performance of  
6 surgical procedures of the human foot or ankle, the anatomical structures that attach to  
7 the human foot, or the soft tissue below the mid-calf by a licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**  
8 **PHYSICIAN** in the hospital or ambulatory surgical center.

9 16-202.

10 (a) (2) Of the 7 Board members:

11 (i) 5 shall be licensed [podiatrists] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIANS**; and

12 (ii) 2 shall be consumer members.

13 (3) The Governor shall appoint the [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**  
14 members, with the advice of the Secretary, from a list of names submitted by the Maryland  
15 Podiatric Medical Association. The number of names on the list shall be twice the number  
16 of vacancies.

17 (c) Each [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** member of the Board shall be:

18 (1) A licensed practicing [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** of recognized  
19 ability and integrity;

20 (2) A resident of this State who has practiced actively in this State for at  
21 least 5 years immediately before appointment; and

22 (3) A licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** with peer review  
23 experience.

24 (d) Each consumer member of the Board:

25 (2) May not be or ever have been a [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** or  
26 in training to become a [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**;

27 (3) May not have a household member who is a [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**  
28 **PHYSICIAN** or in training to become a [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**;

29 16-205.

30 (a) In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board may:

1           (2) After consulting with the State Board of Pharmacy, adopt rules and  
2 regulations regarding the dispensing of prescription drugs by a licensed [podiatrist]  
3 **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**; and

4           (b) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board shall:

5           (3) On receipt of a written and signed allegation, including a referral from  
6 the Commissioner of Labor and Industry:

7           (ii) Provide notice to the licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**  
8 **PHYSICIAN** that an allegation has been received and forward a copy of the allegation to the  
9 licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** within 60 days of receipt of the allegation,  
10 unless the Board:

11                   1. Makes an affirmative determination that the disclosure  
12 would prejudice the investigation of the allegation and notifies the licensee of the  
13 determination;

14                   2. Disposes of the allegation within 60 days of the date of  
15 receipt of the allegation; or

16                   3. Makes an affirmative determination that any action that  
17 the Board may take as a result of the investigation into the allegation will most likely not  
18 result in formal disciplinary action; and

19           (iii) Periodically notify the licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**  
20 **PHYSICIAN** and all persons of interest of the status of the allegation until such time as the  
21 allegation is resolved; and

22           (4) Except for an office of a [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** in a  
23 hospital, related institution, freestanding medical facility, or freestanding birthing center,  
24 conduct an unannounced inspection of the office of a [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**  
25 against whom a complaint has been filed with the Board regarding a violation of the  
26 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidelines on universal precautions to  
27 determine compliance at that office with the guidelines.

28 16–307.

29           (f) (1) A [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** has a grace period of 30 days  
30 after the [podiatrist's] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN'S** license expires in which to renew the  
31 license retroactively, if the [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**:

32                   (i) Otherwise is entitled to have the license renewed; and

33                   (ii) Pays to the Board the renewal fee and any late fee set by the

1 Board.

2 16–308.

3 (a) (3) The Board shall reinstate the license of a [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**  
4 **PHYSICIAN** who has been on inactive status and who does not meet the requirements of  
5 paragraph (2)(vii) of this subsection, if the [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** meets the  
6 continuing medical education requirements prescribed by the Board.

7 (b) The Board shall reinstate the license of a [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**  
8 who has been on inactive status and who has failed to renew the license for 1 licensing cycle  
9 or a 2–year period, whichever is longer, for any reason, if the [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**  
10 **PHYSICIAN**:

11 (1) Meets the renewal requirements of § 16–307(c) through (f) of this  
12 subtitle and subsection (a) of this section;

13 (2) Pays to the Board all past–due renewal fees and the reinstatement fee  
14 set by the Board; and

15 (3) Meets the requirements for obtaining a new license under this subtitle.

16 16–310.

17 (a) Unless the Board agrees to accept the surrender of a license, a licensed  
18 [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** or holder of a limited license may not surrender the  
19 license nor may the license lapse by operation of law while the licensee is under  
20 investigation or while charges are pending against the licensee.

21 16–311.

22 (b) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 16–313 of this subtitle, the Board, on the  
23 affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may revoke the license of a  
24 [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** who practices podiatry while the [podiatrist’s]  
25 **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN’S** license is suspended.

26 16–318.

27 (a) The Board may issue a temporary license to a [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**  
28 **PHYSICIAN** licensed in another state to practice or teach podiatry in this State if:

29 (1) The license issued from the other state has licensing requirements  
30 equivalent to those in this State; and

31 (2) The licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** pays a temporary  
32 license fee as determined by the Board.

1 16-401.

2 A licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** may not append to the name of the  
3 licensee or use as a title any word or abbreviation that suggests that the licensee is licensed  
4 to practice medicine rather than podiatry.

5 16-402.

6 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**  
7 **PHYSICIAN** may practice only under the name on the license of the [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**  
8 **PHYSICIAN**.

9 (b) This section does not prohibit a [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** from  
10 practicing in a professional association, limited liability company, or in any other group  
11 practice otherwise allowed by law.

12 (c) This section does not prohibit a [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** from  
13 advertising under a trade name in connection with the practice of podiatry if:

14 (1) The use of the trade name is not deceptive or misleading;

15 (2) The advertisement in which the trade name appears includes:

16 (i) The name of the licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**;

17 or

18 (ii) The name of the licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**  
19 and the name of the business entity under which podiatric services are provided;

20 (3) The name of the licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** who  
21 provides podiatric services appears on:

22 (i) The billing invoices; and

23 (ii) Any billing receipts given to a patient; and

24 (4) Treatment records are maintained and clearly identify the licensed  
25 [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** who performed the podiatric treatment or service for  
26 any patient.

27 16-403.

28 (a) In this section, [“podiatrist] **“PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** rehabilitation  
29 committee” means a committee that:



1 (1) Is defined in subsection (b) of this section; and

2 (2) Performs any of the functions listed in subsection (d) of this section.

3 (b) For purposes of this section, a [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**  
4 rehabilitation committee is a committee of the Board or a committee of the Maryland  
5 Podiatry Association that:

6 (1) Is recognized by the Board; and

7 (2) Includes but is not limited to [podiatrists] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIANS**.

8 (c) A rehabilitation committee of the Board or recognized by the Board may  
9 function:

10 (1) Solely for the Board; or

11 (2) Jointly with a rehabilitation committee representing another board or  
12 boards.

13 (d) For purposes of this section, a [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**  
14 rehabilitation committee evaluates and provides assistance to any [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**  
15 **PHYSICIAN**, and any other individual regulated by the Board, in need of treatment and  
16 rehabilitation for alcoholism, drug abuse, chemical dependency, or other physical,  
17 emotional, or mental condition.

18 (e) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the proceedings,  
19 records, and files of the [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** rehabilitation committee are  
20 not discoverable and are not admissible in evidence in any civil action arising out of matters  
21 that are being or have been reviewed and evaluated by the [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**  
22 **PHYSICIAN** rehabilitation committee.

23 (2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection does not apply to any record or  
24 document that is considered by the [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** rehabilitation  
25 committee and that otherwise would be subject to discovery or introduction into evidence  
26 in any arbitration or civil proceeding.

27 (3) For purposes of this subsection, civil action does not include a  
28 proceeding before the Board or judicial review of a proceeding before the Board.

29 (f) A person who acts in good faith and within the scope of jurisdiction of the  
30 [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** rehabilitation committee is not civilly liable for any  
31 action as a member of the [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** rehabilitation committee or  
32 for giving information to, participating in, or contributing to the function of the [podiatrist]  
33 **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** rehabilitation committee.

1 16–404.

2 If a [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** is engaged in the private practice of  
3 podiatry in this State, the [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** shall display the notice  
4 developed under § 1–207 of this article conspicuously in each office where the [podiatrist]  
5 **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** is engaged in practice.

6 **Article – Insurance**

7 4–401.

8 (a) This section applies to:

9 (1) each insurer that provides professional liability insurance to:

10 (i) a physician, nurse, dentist, [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**,  
11 optometrist, or chiropractor licensed under the Health Occupations Article; or

12 (e) (3) A report that relates to a nurse, dentist, [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**  
13 **PHYSICIAN**, optometrist, or chiropractor shall be filed with the appropriate licensing board  
14 for these health care providers.

15 14–101.

16 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

17 (b) “Health care provider” means a chiropractor, dentist, hospital, optometrist,  
18 pharmacist, physician, [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**, or psychologist.

19 14–110.

20 (a) The Commissioner shall issue a certificate of authority to an applicant if:

21 (2) the Commissioner is satisfied:

22 (ii) that:

23 2. each subscriber is entitled to reimbursement for podiatric,  
24 chiropractic, psychological, or optometric services, regardless of whether the service is  
25 performed by a licensed physician, licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**, licensed  
26 chiropractor, licensed psychologist, or licensed optometrist;

27 15–702.

28 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of a self-funded group insurance plan  
29 subject to this section, if the plan provides for reimbursement for a service that is within

1 the lawful scope of practice of a physician, dentist, or [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**,  
2 the plan may not prohibit a person covered by the plan from being reimbursed for the  
3 service regardless of whether the service is performed by a physician, dentist, or  
4 [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**.

5 15-713.

6 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of an individual, group, or blanket  
7 health insurance policy or contract subject to this section, if the policy or contract provides  
8 for reimbursement for a service that is within the lawful scope of practice of a licensed  
9 [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**, the insured or any other person covered by or entitled  
10 to reimbursement under the policy or contract is entitled to the same amount of  
11 reimbursement for the service regardless of whether the service is performed by a physician  
12 or licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**.

13 (c) This section does not prohibit, and may not be construed as prohibiting, the  
14 determination of reimbursement based on the geographic location of the delivery of service,  
15 the preeminent qualifications of a physician or [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**, or the  
16 need to provide services in an underserved area of the State.

17 15-805.

18 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

19 (2) "Authorized prescriber" means a licensed dentist, licensed physician, or  
20 licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** who is authorized under the Health  
21 Occupations Article to prescribe a pharmaceutical product.

## 22 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

23 9-504.

24 (b) The certificate required under subsection (a) of this section shall be signed by  
25 one of the following:

26 (2) if authorized to practice in a state and performing within the scope of  
27 that authority:

28 (x) a [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**;

## 29 **Article – Transportation**

30 13-616.

31 (a) (1) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

1 (8) “Licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**” means a [podiatrist]  
2 **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN** who is licensed by the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners  
3 to practice podiatry as described in § 16–101 of the Health Occupations Article.

4 (b) (1) The owner of any vehicle described in paragraph (3) of this subsection  
5 may apply to the Administration for the assignment to that vehicle of a special disability  
6 registration number and special disability registration plates, if a certified nurse  
7 practitioner, licensed physician, licensed physician assistant, licensed chiropractor,  
8 licensed optometrist, licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**, or licensed physical  
9 therapist certifies, in accordance with paragraph (2) of this subsection, that the applicant:

10 (i) Has lung disease to such an extent that forced (respiratory)  
11 expiratory volume for one second when measured by spirometry is less than one liter, or  
12 arterial oxygen tension (PO<sub>2</sub>) is less than 60 mm/hg on room air at rest;

13 (ii) Has cardiovascular disease limitations classified in severity as  
14 Class III or Class IV according to standards accepted by the American Heart Association;

15 (iii) Is unable to walk 200 feet without stopping to rest;

16 (iv) Is unable to walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace,  
17 cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, or other assistive device;

18 (v) Requires a wheelchair for mobility;

19 (vi) Has lost a foot, leg, hand, or arm;

20 (vii) Has lost the use of a foot, leg, hand, or arm;

21 (viii) Has a permanent impairment of both eyes so that:

22 1. The central visual acuity is 20/200 or less in the better eye,  
23 with corrective glasses; or

24 2. There is a field defect in which the peripheral field has  
25 contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular  
26 distance no greater than 20 degrees in the better eye; or

27 (ix) Has a permanent disability that adversely impacts the  
28 ambulatory ability of the applicant and which is so severe that the person would endure a  
29 hardship or be subject to a risk of injury if the privileges accorded a person for whom a  
30 vehicle is specially registered under this section were denied.

31 (2) For the purposes of this section, the qualifying disabilities specified in  
32 paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be certified as follows:

33 (ii) A licensed chiropractor, licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**

1 **PHYSICIAN**, or licensed physical therapist may certify conditions specified in paragraph  
2 (1)(iii) through (vii) and (ix) of this subsection;

3 13–616.1.

4 (a) A person may apply to the Administration for a parking placard on a form  
5 provided by the Administration if the applicant:

6 (2) (i) Has a permanent disability as described in § 13–616(b)(1) of this  
7 subtitle and as certified by a licensed physician, licensed physician assistant, licensed  
8 chiropractor, licensed optometrist, licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**, or  
9 licensed physical therapist, as defined in § 13–616(a) of this subtitle; or

10 (j) In accordance with the provisions of this section, each board for licensed  
11 physicians, licensed physician assistants, licensed chiropractors, licensed optometrists,  
12 licensed [podiatrists] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIANS**, or licensed physical therapists shall be  
13 responsible for the development and maintenance of a database system, with which the  
14 Administration can interface and verify licensure.

15 13–616.2.

16 (a) A person may apply to the Administration for a temporary parking placard on  
17 a form provided by the Administration if:

18 (1) (iii) A licensed physician, licensed physician assistant, licensed  
19 chiropractor, licensed optometrist, licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN**, or  
20 licensed physical therapist, as defined in § 13–616(a) of this subtitle, certifies that the  
21 disability is not permanent but would substantially impair the applicant’s mobility or limit  
22 or impair the applicant’s ability to walk for at least 3 weeks, and is so severe that the  
23 applicant would endure a hardship or be subject to risk of injury if the temporary parking  
24 placard were denied; or

25 (c) (1) A temporary parking placard for a person with a disability issued under  
26 this section shall be valid for a period of time the licensed physician, licensed physician  
27 assistant, licensed chiropractor, licensed optometrist, licensed [podiatrist] **PODIATRIC**  
28 **PHYSICIAN**, or licensed physical therapist has determined that the applicant, the  
29 dependent of the applicant, or the individual who depends on the applicant for  
30 transportation is likely to have the disability, not to exceed 6 months.

31 (h) In accordance with the provisions of this section, each board for licensed  
32 physicians, licensed physician assistants, licensed chiropractors, licensed optometrists,  
33 licensed [podiatrists] **PODIATRIC PHYSICIANS**, or licensed physical therapists shall be  
34 responsible for the development and maintenance of a database system with which the  
35 Administration can interface and verify licensure.

36 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That in every law, executive order,

1 rule, regulation, policy, or document created by any official, employee, or unit of this State,  
2 podiatrists are renamed podiatric physicians, as provided in this Act.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the publisher of the  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the  
5 Department of Legislative Services, shall correct, with no further action required by the  
6 General Assembly, cross-references and terminology rendered incorrect by this Act. The  
7 publisher shall adequately describe any correction that is made in an editor's note following  
8 the section affected.

9 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 2022.