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## An Act To Authorize Podiatrists To Perform Certain Routine Procedures

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Senators: GRATWICK of Penobscot, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: BATES of Westbrook, PERRY of Calais.

## 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3551, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §229, is
amended to read:

4 4. Practice of podiatric medicine. "Practice of podiatric medicine" means the diagnosis and treatment of maladies of the human foot and ankle by medical, surgical or 5 mechanical means. Practice of podiatric medicine "Practice of podiatric medicine" 6 includes the performance of a history and physical on a podiatrist's preoperative patient 7 and upon the patient's admission into a hospital or ambulatory surgical center. "Practice 8 of podiatric medicine" includes the administration of local anesthesia in conjunction with 9 10 the practice of podiatry. The use of general anesthesia is permitted in conjunction with the practice of podiatry when administered or supervised by a medical or osteopathic 11 physician who assumes responsibility for the administration of that anesthesia to a patient 12 being treated by a podiatrist. 13

14 SUMMARY

15 This bill amends the definition of "practice of podiatric medicine" to include the 16 performance of a history and physical on a podiatrist's preoperative patient and upon the 17 patient's admission into a hospital or ambulatory surgical center.