

House Bill 192 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Kidd of the 145th and Sharper of the 177th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-35-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 definitions regarding podiatry practice, so as to provide that podiatric medicine includes the
3 diagnosis and treatment of cosmetic conditions regarding the human foot and leg; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 43-35-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions
8 regarding podiatry practice, is amended by revising subparagraph (A) of paragraph (5) as
9 follows:

10 "(A) Charging a fee or other compensation, either directly or indirectly, for any history
11 or physical examination of a patient in a person's office or in a hospital, clinic, or other
12 similar facility prior to, incident to, and necessary for the diagnosis and treatment, by
13 primary medical care, surgical or other means, of diseases, ailments, injuries, cosmetic
14 conditions, or abnormal conditions of the human foot and leg. As used in this
15 subparagraph, the term 'cosmetic' means a surgical or medical procedure intended to
16 enhance the physical appearance or function of the foot, ankle, or leg, including, but not
17 limited to, skin problems such as blemishes, spider veins, and scar revisions;"

18 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.