

Article - Health Occupations

16-101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Board" means the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners.
- (c) "License" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license issued by the Board to practice podiatry.
- (d) "Licensed podiatrist" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a podiatrist who is licensed by the Board to practice podiatry.
- (e) "Podiatrist" means an individual who practices podiatry.
- (f) (1) "Practice podiatry" means to diagnose or surgically, medically, or mechanically treat [any ailment of] the human foot or ankle, [or any ailment of] the anatomical structures that attach to the human foot, OR THE SOFT TISSUE BELOW THE MID-CALF.
- (2) "Practice podiatry" does not include:
 - (i) Surgical treatment of acute ankle fracture; or
 - (ii) Administration of an anesthetic, other than a local anesthetic.

16-103.

(a) All OSSEOUS surgical procedures of the ankle ~~below the level of the dermis~~, arthrodeses of 2 or more tarsal bones, and complete tarsal osteotomies that are performed by a licensed podiatrist shall be performed in a licensed hospital OR AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER, subject to the provisions of § 19-351 of the Health - General Article.

(B) A LICENSED PODIATRIST WHO PERFORMS A AN OSSEOUS SURGICAL PROCEDURE OF THE ANKLE ~~BELOW THE LEVEL OF THE DERMIS~~, ARTHRODESES ~~ARTHRODESIS~~ OF 2 OR MORE TARSAL BONES, OR A COMPLETE TARSAL OSTEOTOMY IN A LICENSED AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER MUST:

- (1) HAVE ~~ACTIVE~~ CURRENT SURGICAL PRIVILEGES AT A LICENSED HOSPITAL FOR THE SAME PROCEDURE; AND
- (2) MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER

[(b)](C) Nothing in this title shall prohibit a licensed hospital OR AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER from establishing qualifications or delineating privileges for the performance of surgical procedures of the HUMAN FOOT OR ankle [and], the anatomical structures that attach to the HUMAN foot, OR THE SOFT TISSUE BELOW THE MID-CALF by a licensed podiatrist in the hospital OR AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER.