

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AND PUCCIARELLI, APRIL 1, 1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, APRIL 1, 1981

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 1 (General Provisions) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further defining the term "physician"
3 and making editorial changes.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. The definition of "physician" in section 1991 of
7 Title 1, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as
8 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, is amended to read:
9 § 1991. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases, when used in any statute
11 finally enacted on or after September 1, 1937, unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise, shall have the meanings
13 ascribed to them in this section:

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15 "Physician."

16 (1) When used in any statute finally enacted on or

1 before April 6, 1951, an individual licensed under the laws
2 of this Commonwealth to engage in the practice of medicine
3 and surgery in any or all of its branches;

4 (2) when used in any statute finally enacted on or after
5 April 7, 1951 and on or before June 14, 1957, an individual
6 licensed under the laws of this Commonwealth to engage in the
7 practice of medicine and surgery in any or in all of its
8 branches within the scope of the act of June 3, 1911
9 (P.L.639, No.246) relating to medicine and surgery and its
10 amendments, or in the practice of osteopathy or osteopathic
11 surgery within the scope of the act of March 19, 1909
12 (P.L.46, No.29) and its amendments; and

13 (3) when used in any statute finally enacted on or after
14 June 15, 1957, an individual licensed under the laws of this
15 Commonwealth to engage in the practice of medicine and
16 surgery in all of its branches within the scope of the act of
17 June 3, 1911 (P.L.639, No.246) relating to medicine and
18 surgery and its amendments, or the act of July 20, 1974
19 (P.L.551, No.190), known as the "Medical Practice Act of
20 1974," or in the practice of osteopathy or osteopathic
21 surgery within the scope of the act of March 19, 1909
22 (P.L.46, No.29) and its amendments, or the act of October 5,
23 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the "Osteopathic Medical
24 Practice Act," or in the practice of podiatric medicine or
25 podiatric surgery within the scope of the act of March 2,
26 1956 (1955 P.L.1206, No.375), known as the "Podiatry Act of
27 1956." With respect to the practice of podiatric medicine or
28 podiatric surgery, this paragraph shall not enlarge or
29 diminish the rights given to and obligations required of
30 doctors of podiatric medicine as set forth in the "Podiatry

1 Act of 1956."

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3 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.