

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1929 Session of
1979

INTRODUCED BY PERZEL, OCTOBER 31, 1979

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
OCTOBER 31, 1979

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 2, 1956 (1955 P.L.1206, No.375),
2 entitled, as amended, "An act relating to and defining the
3 practice of podiatry; conferring powers and imposing duties
4 on the State Board of Podiatry Examiners and the Department
5 of State; requiring licensure; providing for the granting,
6 cancellation, suspension and revocation of licenses;
7 preserving the rights of existing licenses; providing for the
8 promulgation of rules and regulations; transfer of
9 jurisdiction and records to the board; regulation of schools
10 of chiropody and podiatry; reciprocity; and providing
11 penalties, and remedies," providing penalties for false
12 claims by podiatrists.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. The act of March 2, 1956 (1955 P.L.1206, No.375),
16 known as the "Podiatry Act of 1956," reenacted and amended
17 August 24, 1963 (P.L.1199, No.505), is amended by adding a
18 section to read:

19 Section 13.1. False Claims.--Any podiatrist, whether
20 licensed or not, or any person acting as a podiatrist, who makes
21 false claims for payment shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and
22 upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine of one

1 thousand dollars (\$1,000), to make restitution of any money
2 gained through the false claim and to a suspension or revocation
3 of any license issued under this act for such time as the court
4 deems appropriate. The Attorney General shall prosecute any
5 person charged with making false claims for payment from public
6 funds.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.