

HOUSE No. 2752

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 15, 1956.

The committee on Public Health, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1432) of S. N. Santurjian for legislation to amend the law defining chiropody (podiatry), report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2752).

For the committee,

JOHN A. ARMSTRONG.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six.

AN ACT DEFINING CHIROPODY (PODIATRY).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out section 13, as amended by section 2 of
3 chapter 425 of the acts of 1937, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 13.* “Chiropody” (podiatry) as used in this
6 chapter shall mean the diagnosis and the treatment of
7 the structures of the human foot by medical, mechanical,
8 surgical, manipulative and electrical means without the
9 use of other than local anesthetics, and excepting treat-
10 ment of systemic conditions, or the results and compli-
11 cations thereof. The practice of minor surgery, however,
12 shall exclude the amputation of the foot or toes. This
13 and the ten following sections shall not apply to surgeons
14 of the United States army, navy or of the United States
15 Public Health Service, nor to physicians registered in the
16 commonwealth.