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I am in support of house bill 2817. It is not an expansion of what podiatrists are allowed to do in their clinics and in a hospital setting but rather a clarification of prior law already passed that allows podiatrists to do surgery on the musculature and the affected bones of the ankle which includes the lower leg.

Moreover, podiatrists fill a vital role in performing these wound care duties as the other options including wound care clinics are overwhelmed with their numbers and these patients do need urgent care to avoid risk of further damage from infection and possible amputation. The training of a podiatrist includes a significant amount of wound care both for diabetic foot ulcers and these lower extremity wounds such as venous stasis ulcers.