

House Study Bill 51 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
BILL BY CHAIRPERSON MEYER)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the administering, prescribing, or ordering
2 of immunizations or vaccines by a licensed podiatric
3 physician, and including effective date provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 149.5, Code 2023, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **149.5 Amputations — anesthesia — prescription drugs —**
4 **immunizations and vaccines.**

5 1. A license to practice podiatry shall not authorize the
6 licensee to amputate the human foot.

7 2. A licensed podiatric physician may do all of the
8 following:

9 a. Administer local anesthesia.

10 b. Administer conscious sedation in a hospital or an
11 ambulatory surgical center.

12 c. Prescribe and administer drugs for the treatment of human
13 foot ailments as provided in [section 149.1](#).

14 d. Order, prescribe, or administer an immunization or
15 vaccine pursuant to protocols developed by the board in
16 consultation with the department of health and human services.
17 A licensed podiatric physician may order, prescribe, or
18 administer epinephrine when medically indicated for an
19 anaphylactic adverse reaction to the administered immunization
20 or vaccine.

21 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
22 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

23 EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 This bill provides that a podiatric physician may
27 order, prescribe, or administer an immunization or vaccine
28 pursuant to protocols developed by the board of podiatry in
29 consultation with the department of health and human services.
30 Additionally, the bill authorizes a licensed podiatric
31 physician to order, prescribe, or administer epinephrine when
32 medically indicated for an anaphylactic adverse reaction to the
33 administered immunization or vaccine. The bill takes effect
34 upon enactment.