



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2005 Wisconsin Act 334**  
[2005 Senate Bill 591]

**Definition of Podiatry**

2005 Wisconsin Act 334 redefines “podiatry” or “podiatric medicine and surgery” as the branch or system of the practice of medicine and surgery that involves treating the sick and which is limited to conditions affecting the foot and ankle. The Act also specifies that “podiatry” or “podiatric medicine and surgery” does not include the use of a general anesthetic unless administered by or under the direction of a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery.

The Act also increases, from 12 months to two years, the amount of postgraduate training in a program approved by the Podiatrists Affiliated Credentialing Board that a person must have in order to receive a credential to practice podiatry or podiatric medicine and surgery. This requirement first applies to an application for licensure submitted on June 1, 2010.

**Effective Date:** Act 334 takes effect on April 29, 2006.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.