

Memorandum

To: Senator Claire Ayer, Chair
Senate Health and Welfare Committee
From: Stephen Merena, President
Vermont Podiatric Medical Association
Date: April 12, 2018
Re: H.912 – Regulatory Duties of the Green Mountain Care Board - Amendment

I am writing on behalf of the Vermont Podiatric Medical Association in relation to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee proposed amendment to H.912.

We respectfully request that Podiatrists be added to the list possible members of the Board.

18 V.S.A. § 9374. BOARD MEMBERSHIP; AUTHORITY

(a)(2)... At least one member of the Board shall be an individual licensed to practice medicine under 26 V.S.A. chapter 7, 23 or 33, an individual licensed as a physician assistant under 26 V.S.A. chapter 31, or an individual licensed as a registered nurse or an advanced practice registered nurse under 26 V.S.A. chapter 28.

There are some Podiatrists who have served in the capacity of broad leadership positions with regards to healthcare systems, hospitals etc. For example, in the hospital in St. Johnsbury, a Podiatrist served as the President of Medical Staff. Podiatrist hospital privileges include surgical and medical care. We utilize operating rooms in all hospitals throughout Vermont. Podiatrists are governed by the Board of Medical Practice, as are physicians.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.