

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB 82

House of Origin    ☐   Introduced        ☐   Substitute        ☐   Engrossed

Second House       ☐   In Committee    ☐   Substitute        ☒   Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Howell

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:**         Podiatry; clarification of definition of practice

**5. Summary:** This bill clarifies that the practice of podiatry includes the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure or alleviation of physical conditions, diseases, pain, or infirmities of the human foot and ankle, including the medical, mechanical, and surgical treatment of the ailments of the human foot and ankle. In addition, the bill, as amended, provides that a podiatrist cannot be permitted to testify as an expert witness against a doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine in connection with a medical malpractice civil court proceeding or a medical malpractice review panel in any case where the doctor or osteopath is a defendant in such proceeding. The enrolled bill contains an emergency clause.

**6. No Fiscal Impact: Final**

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal Implications:** None

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**  
Department of Health Professions

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

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