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Dear FPMA Member Colleagues:

On behalf of the Florida Podiatric Medical Association and Executive Committee, I am writing to you about recently enacted legislation SB1768 - Stem Cell Therapy, which passed both chambers, was signed by Governor DeSantis, and became effective on July 1, 2025.

This law precludes anyone, other than an MD or DO, from performing treatment involving the use of afterbirth placental perinatal stem cells, or human cells, tissues, or cellular or tissue-based products.

As a matter of law, a DPM that performs “the treatments prohibited by SB1768”, in contradiction to the new law, is in violation of the Podiatric Physician Practice Act. FPMA reminds our members that you should not offer these therapies to your patients until a legislative fix has been implemented.

FPMA is actively engaged with the Florida legislature to enact legislation during the upcoming Legislative Session, which begins on January 13, 2026, that will permit Podiatric Physicians to provide these treatments to their patients.

FPMA has drafted proposed legislation for the upcoming 2026 State of Florida Legislative Session and, to date, the responses have been positive. The proposed draft of this legislation is currently in Bill drafting.

As soon as the legislation is assigned a bill number, FPMA will update our membership as the process advances and ask that you then actively advocate for passage of this legislation with your respective members of the Florida House and Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Schweibish".

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