§ 7006. Special provision. 1. No corporation, except a hospital corporation authorized under article forty-three of the insurance law or a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of New York which, on or before the first day of March, nineteen hundred forty-two, was legally incorporated to practice podiatry, shall practice podiatry, and then only through licensed podiatrists and shall conform to board of regents rules. No corporation organized to practice podiatry shall change its name or sell its franchise or transfer its corporate rights directly or indirectly, by transfer of capital stock control or otherwise, to any person or to another corporation without permission from the department and any corporation so changing its name or so transferring its franchise or corporate rights without such permission or found guilty of violating a board of regents rule shall be deemed to have forfeited its right to exist and shall be dissolved by a proceeding brought by the attorney general.

2. Any manufacturer or merchant may sell, advertise, fit, or adjust proprietary foot remedies, arch supports, corrective foot appliances or shoes.

3. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of any general, special or local law, any licensed podiatrist who voluntarily and without the expectation of monetary compensation renders first aid or emergency treatment at the scene of an accident or other emergency, outside of a hospital or any other place having proper and necessary medical equipment, to a person who is unconscious, ill or injured shall not be liable for damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by such person or for damages for the death of such person alleged to have occurred by reason of an act or omission in the rendering of such first aid or emergency treatment unless it is established that such injuries were or such death was caused by gross negligence on the part of such podiatrist. Nothing in this subdivision shall be deemed or construed to relieve a licensed podiatrist from liability for damages for injuries or death caused by an act or omission on the part of a podiatrist while rendering professional services in the normal and ordinary course of practice.

4. An unlicensed person may provide supportive services to a podiatrist incidental to and concurrent with such podiatrist personally performing a service or procedure. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to allow an unlicensed person to provide any service which constitutes the practice of podiatry as defined in this article. An unlicensed person providing supportive services to a podiatrist may operate radiographic equipment under direct supervision for the sole purpose of foot radiography provided that such person completes a course of study acceptable to the department in consultation with the department of health.