

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2355

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE FREDERICK.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 334.285, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to physician maintenance of certification.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 334.285, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 334.285, to read as follows:

334.285. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) “Continuing medical education”, continued postgraduate medical education intended to provide medical professionals with knowledge of new developments in their field;

(2) “Maintenance of certification”, any process requiring periodic recertification examinations to maintain specialty medical board certification;

(3) “Maintenance of licensure”, the Federation of State Medical Boards’ proprietary framework for physician license renewal including additional periodic testing other than continuing medical education;

(4) “Specialty medical board certification”, certification by a board that specializes in one particular area of medicine and typically requires additional and more strenuous exams than state board of registration for the healing arts requirements to practice medicine.

2. The state shall not require any form of maintenance of licensure as a condition of physician licensure including requiring any form of maintenance of licensure tied to maintenance of certification. Current requirements including continuing medical education shall suffice to demonstrate professional competency.

3. The state shall not require any form of specialty medical board certification or any maintenance of certification to practice medicine within the state. There shall be no

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 discrimination by the state board of registration for the healing arts or any other state agency
19 against physicians who do not maintain specialty medical board certification including
20 recertification. **No hospital, health care facility, or institution or program owned, operated,**
21 **or licensed by the state shall discriminate against any physician based on the physician's**
22 **maintenance of certification.**

23 **4. Any health carrier, as defined in section 376.1350, or hospital in this state shall**
24 **accept any continuing medical education or recertification provided by the National Board**
25 **of Physicians and Surgeons (NBPAS) as maintenance of certification.**

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