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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Physicians - Licensing and Continuing Education**  
3 **Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain applicants to complete a certain course or  
5 program before becoming licensed physicians in Maryland; requiring certain  
6 licensees to complete certain continuing education requirements; and generally  
7 relating to the State Board of Physicians and licensing and continuing education  
8 requirements.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Health Occupations  
11 Section 14-307(d) and 14-316(d)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Health Occupations**

17 14-307.

18 (d) Except as provided in § 14-308 of this subtitle, the applicant shall:

19 (1) (i) Have a degree of doctor of medicine from a medical school that  
20 is accredited by an accrediting organization that the Board recognizes in its  
21 regulations; and

22 (ii) Submit evidence acceptable to the Board of successful  
23 completion of 1 year of training in a postgraduate medical training program that is  
24 accredited by an accrediting organization that the Board recognizes in its regulations;  
25 or

26 (2) (i) Have a degree of doctor of osteopathy from a school of  
27 osteopathy in the United States, its territories or possessions, Puerto Rico, or Canada

1 that has standards for graduation equivalent to those established by the American  
2 Osteopathic Association; and

3 (ii) Submit evidence acceptable to the Board of successful  
4 completion of 1 year of training in a postgraduate medical training program  
5 accredited by an accrediting organization that the Board recognizes in its regulations;  
6 AND

7 (3) HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A COURSE OR COMPREHENSIVE  
8 PROGRAM ON FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS WHILE SATISFYING THE  
9 REQUIREMENTS IN PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OR (II) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

10 14-316.

11 (d) (1) In addition to any other qualifications and requirements established  
12 by the Board, the Board may establish continuing education requirements as a  
13 condition to the renewal of licenses under this section.

14 (2) In establishing these requirements, the Board shall [evaluate]:

15 (I) EVALUATE existing methods, devices, and programs in use  
16 among the various medical specialties and other recognized medical groups; AND

17 (II) REQUIRE 4 HOURS OF INSTRUCTION ON FETAL ALCOHOL  
18 SPECTRUM DISORDERS OVER A TIME PERIOD DETERMINED IN REGULATIONS OF THE  
19 BOARD.

20 (3) The Board may not establish or enforce these requirements if they  
21 would so reduce the number of physicians in a community as to jeopardize the  
22 availability of adequate medical care in that community.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 2004.