

# SENATE BILL 989

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(7lr3483)

## ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Health and Government Operations* —

Introduced by **Senators Nathan-Pulliam and Mathias**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Physicians – Physician Licensure – Prohibition on Requiring**  
3 **Specialty Certification**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Board of Physicians from requiring, as a  
5 qualification to obtain a license or as a condition to renew a license, certification by  
6 a certain accrediting organization that specializes in a specific area of medicine or  
7 maintenance of certification by a certain accrediting organization that includes  
8 certain reexamination as a requirement for maintaining certification; and generally  
9 relating to physician licensure by the State Board of Physicians.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health Occupations

12 Section ~~14-205(d)~~ 14-322

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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#### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



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

3 **Article – Health Occupations**

4 ~~14-205.~~ 14-322.

5 ~~(D)~~ **NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, THE BOARD MAY NOT REQUIRE AS**  
6 **A QUALIFICATION TO OBTAIN A LICENSE OR AS A CONDITION TO RENEW A LICENSE:**

7 **(1) CERTIFICATION BY A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ACCREDITING**  
8 **ORGANIZATION THAT SPECIALIZES IN A SPECIFIC AREA OF MEDICINE; OR**

9 **(2) MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION BY A NATIONALLY**  
10 **RECOGNIZED ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION THAT SPECIALIZES IN A SPECIFIC AREA**  
11 **OF MEDICINE THAT INCLUDES CONTINUOUS REEXAMINATION TO MEASURE CORE**  
12 **COMPETENCIES IN THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AS A REQUIREMENT FOR**  
13 **MAINTAINING CERTIFICATION.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2017.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.