

SENATE BILL 989

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CF HB 1054

By: **Senators Nathan–Pulliam and Mathias**

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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)

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Health Occupations**

18 14–205.

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

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.



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

3 **(2) MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION BY A NATIONALLY**
4 **RECOGNIZED ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION THAT SPECIALIZES IN A SPECIFIC AREA**
5 **OF MEDICINE THAT INCLUDES CONTINUOUS REEXAMINATION TO MEASURE CORE**
6 **COMPETENCIES IN THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AS A REQUIREMENT FOR**
7 **MAINTAINING CERTIFICATION.**

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.