Chapter 547

(Senate Bill 989)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

BY adding to
   Article – Health Occupations
   Section 14–205(d) 14–322
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

   Article – Health Occupations

14–205. 14–322.

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.