

HOUSE BILL 857

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Physicians – Specialty Certifications**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing an entity granting physician privileges to use the active
4 specialty certification of a physician by a specialty certification board as criteria to
5 determine physician privileges; prohibiting an entity granting physician privileges
6 from requiring specialty certification by a particular specialty certification board as
7 a prerequisite for the granting of physician privileges; defining certain terms; and
8 generally relating to specialty certifications of physicians.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Health Occupations

11 Section 14–509

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Health Occupations**

17 **14–509.**

18 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
19 INDICATED.

20 (2) “PHYSICIAN PRIVILEGES” MEANS:

21 (I) REIMBURSEMENT;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (II) EMPLOYMENT;

2 (III) HOSPITAL ADMITTING PRIVILEGES; OR

3 (IV) MALPRACTICE COVERAGE.

4 (3) "SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION BOARD" MEANS CERTIFICATION BY:

5 (I) A MEMBER BOARD OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL
6 SPECIALTIES;

7 (II) THE NATIONAL BOARD OF PHYSICIANS OR SURGEONS; OR

8 (III) ANY OTHER NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ACCREDITING
9 ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZED BY THE BOARD THAT SPECIALIZES IN A SPECIFIC AREA
10 OF MEDICINE.

11 (B) AN ENTITY GRANTING PHYSICIAN PRIVILEGES:

12 (1) MAY USE ACTIVE CERTIFICATION OF A PHYSICIAN BY A SPECIALTY
13 CERTIFICATION BOARD AS CRITERIA TO DETERMINE PHYSICIAN PRIVILEGES; BUT

14 (2) MAY NOT REQUIRE SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION BY A PARTICULAR
15 SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION BOARD AS A PREREQUISITE FOR THE GRANTING OF
16 PHYSICIAN PRIVILEGES.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2018.