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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Physician Quality Assurance - Identification of Physicians as Specialists**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law relating to the identification of
4 physicians as specialists in fields of medical practice by the StateBoard of Physician
5 Quality Assurance.

6 BY repealing
7 Article - Health Occupations
8 Section 14-604
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Health Occupations**

14 [14-604.

15 (a) A physician may not represent to the public that the physician is a specialist in
16 any field of specialized medical practice unless identified as a specialist in that field by
17 the Board.

18 (b) If a physician requests, the Board shall determine whether the physician
19 qualifies for Board identification as a specialist.

20 (c) (1) The Board shall adopt rules and regulations concerning application
21 procedures, fees, and required qualifications for identification as a specialist.

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1 (2) The qualifications required of applicants for Board identification as a
2 specialist may include:

3 (i) The requirements established by the American Board of Medical
4 Specialties, the Council of Medical Specialty Societies, and the Accreditation Council for
5 Graduate Medical Education;

6 (ii) Education;

7 (iii) Professional experience; and

8 (iv) Whether, before July 1, 1984, the applicant represented to the
9 public, in an ethical manner, that the applicant was a specialist.

10 (3) The Board may contract with the Faculty or any other nonprofit agency
11 to process applications for identification as a specialist.

12 (d) In approving additional specialties, the Board may consider those fields
13 recognized and approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties, the Council of
14 Medical Specialty Societies, and the Accreditation Council for GraduateMedical
15 Education.]

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 1996.