

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.

~~(D)~~ **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.