HOUSE BILL NO. 683

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KOENIG.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 334, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to continuing education requirements for physicians.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 334, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 334.280, to read as follows:

334.280. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Continuous medical education", continued postgraduate medical education intended to provide medical professionals with knowledge of new developments in their field;

(2) "Maintenance of certification", any process requiring periodic recertification examinations to maintain specialty medical board certification;

(3) "Maintenance of licensure", the Federation of State Medical Boards' proprietary framework for physician license renewal including additional periodic testing other than continuous medical education;

(4) "Specialty medical board certification", certification by a board that specializes in one particular area of medicine and typically requires additional and more strenuous exams than state board of medicine requirements to practice medicine.

2. The state shall not require any form of maintenance of licensure as a condition of physician licensure including requiring any form of maintenance of licensure tied to maintenance of certification. Current requirements including continuous medical education shall suffice to demonstrate professional competency.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17   **3. The state shall not require any form of specialty medical board certification or**
18 **any maintenance of certification to practice medicine within the state. There shall be no**
19 **discrimination by the state board of registration for the healing arts or any other state**
20 **agency against physicians who do not maintain specialty medical board certification**
21 **including recertification.**

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