

House Bill 165

By: Representatives Price of the 48th, Cooper of the 43rd, Lott of the 122nd, Newton of the 123rd, Silcox of the 52nd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to medical practice, so as to provide that maintenance of certification shall not be
3 required as a condition of licensure to practice medicine, staff privileges, employment in
4 certain facilities, reimbursement, or malpractice insurance coverage; to provide for
5 definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 medical practice, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "43-34-46.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

12 (1) 'Maintenance of certification' means a continuous professional development program
13 through which physicians certified by one or more of the medical specialty boards of the
14 American Board of Medical Specialties or American Osteopathic Association maintain
15 specialty certification.

16 (2) 'Specialty certification' means certification by a board that specializes in one
17 particular area of medicine and typically has requirements in addition to those the
18 Georgia Composite Medical Board requires to practice medicine.

19 (b) Nothing in this article shall be construed to require a physician to secure a maintenance
20 of certification as a condition of licensure to practice medicine pursuant to this article or
21 as a prerequisite for hospital or staff privileges, employment in state medical facilities,
22 reimbursement from third parties, or malpractice insurance coverage."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.