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House Bill 165 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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, employment in certain facilities,
- 4 reimbursement, or malpractice insurance coverage; to provide for definitions; to provide for
- 5 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
- 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 <u>specialty certification.</u>
- 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 <u>Georgia Composite Medical Board requires to practice medicine.</u>
- 19 (b) Nothing in this article shall be construed to require a physician to secure a maintenance
- 20 <u>of certification as a condition of licensure to practice medicine pursuant to this article or</u>
- 21 <u>as a prerequisite for employment in state medical facilities, reimbursement from third</u>
- 22 parties, or malpractice insurance coverage."

23 SECTION 2.

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.