

The House Committee on Health and Human Services offers the following substitute to HB 165:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

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

"43-34-46.

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

(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 American Board of Medical Specialties or American Osteopathic Association maintain specialty certification.

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

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

**SECTION 2.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.