

State of Arizona
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SENATE BILL 1257

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 32, CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 32-1408; AMENDING TITLE 32, CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 32-1807; AMENDING TITLE 35, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 35-196.06; RELATING TO MEDICAL LICENSURE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 32, chapter 13, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 32-1408, to read:

4 32-1408. Licensure requirements; prohibitions; definitions

5 A. THE BOARD MAY NOT REQUIRE A LICENSEE TO PASS ANY PERIODIC LICENSING
6 EXAMINATION TO DEMONSTRATE PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY UNLESS SPECIFICALLY
7 AUTHORIZED BY STATUTE.

8 B. THE BOARD MAY NOT REQUIRE A SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION OR MAINTENANCE
9 OF A SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION AS A CONDITION OF LICENSURE IN THIS STATE.

10 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

11 1. "MAINTENANCE OF A SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION" MEANS ANY PROCESS
12 REQUIRING PERIODIC RECERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS TO MAINTAIN SPECIALTY
13 CERTIFICATION.

14 2. "SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION" MEANS CERTIFICATION BY A BOARD THAT
15 SPECIALIZES IN ONE PARTICULAR AREA OF MEDICINE AND THAT MAY REQUIRE EXAMS IN
16 ADDITION TO THOSE REQUIRED BY THIS STATE TO BE LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE.

17 Sec. 2. Title 32, chapter 17, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
18 amended by adding section 32-1807, to read:

19 32-1807. Licensure requirements; prohibitions; definitions

20 A. THE BOARD MAY NOT REQUIRE A LICENSEE TO PASS ANY PERIODIC LICENSING
21 EXAMINATION TO DEMONSTRATE PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY UNLESS SPECIFICALLY
22 AUTHORIZED BY STATUTE.

23 B. THE BOARD MAY NOT REQUIRE A SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION OR MAINTENANCE
24 OF A SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION AS A CONDITION OF LICENSURE IN THIS STATE.

25 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "MAINTENANCE OF A SPECIALTY
26 CERTIFICATION" AND "SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION" HAVE THE SAME MEANINGS
27 PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 32-1408.

28 Sec. 3. Title 35, chapter 1, article 5, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
29 amended by adding section 35-196.06, to read:

30 35-196.06. State-funded programs; physician requirements
31 prohibited; definitions

32 A. ANY STATE AGENCY, BOARD OR COMMISSION MAY NOT REQUIRE A SPECIALTY
33 CERTIFICATION OR MAINTENANCE OF A SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION FOR A PHYSICIAN
34 LICENSED PURSUANT TO TITLE 32, CHAPTER 13 OR 17 AS A CONDITION OF
35 PARTICIPATION IN ANY PROGRAM THAT ACCEPTS STATE MONIES.

36 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "MAINTENANCE OF A SPECIALTY
37 CERTIFICATION" AND "SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION" HAVE THE SAME MEANINGS
38 PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 32-1408.