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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to medical specialty board recertification and
2 the practice of medicine in this state.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 148.4A Medical specialty board
2 recertification not required.

3 1. Maintenance of certification or osteopathic continuous
4 certification shall not be required for a physician as a
5 condition of licensure, admitting privileges at a hospital in
6 this state, reimbursement, malpractice insurance coverage, or
7 employment.

8 2. For the purposes of this section:

9 a. *"Maintenance of certification"* and *"osteopathic continuous*
10 *certification"* refer to proprietary programs, sponsored by
11 one or more of the medical specialty boards recognized by
12 the American board of medical specialties or the American
13 osteopathic association, that require periodic medical
14 specialty recertification examinations, self-assessments,
15 peer evaluations, and other activities, necessary to maintain
16 medical specialty board certification.

17 b. *"Physician"* means a person licensed to practice medicine
18 and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery under this
19 chapter.

20 EXPLANATION

21 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
22 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

23 This bill prohibits the state, hospitals in the state,
24 employers, and insurers from requiring physicians to
25 participate in a maintenance of certification or osteopathic
26 continuous certification program in order to maintain a
27 license, admitting privileges, malpractice insurance, or
28 employment, or to receive reimbursement. The bill does not
29 alter the current continuing medical education requirements for
30 physicians established by the board of medicine.