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1            AN ACT Relating to prohibiting maintenance of certification from  
2 being required for certain health professions; amending RCW 18.71.010  
3 and 18.57.001; adding a new section to chapter 18.71 RCW; and adding  
4 a new section to chapter 18.57 RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.71.010 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 302 are each amended  
7 to read as follows:

8            The following terms used in this chapter shall have the meanings  
9 set forth in this section unless the context clearly indicates  
10 otherwise:

11            (1) "Commission" means the Washington state medical quality  
12 assurance commission.

13            (2) (~~"Secretary" means the secretary of health.~~  
14 ~~+3+)~~) "Emergency medical care" or "emergency medical service" has  
15 the same meaning as in chapter 18.73 RCW.

16            (3) "Maintenance of certification" means the satisfactory  
17 participation in a formal recertification program to maintain board  
18 certification after initial certification from the American board of  
19 medical specialties or other accrediting organization recognized by  
20 the commission.

1       (4) "Resident physician" means an individual who has graduated  
2 from a school of medicine which meets the requirements set forth in  
3 RCW 18.71.055 and is serving a period of postgraduate clinical  
4 medical training sponsored by a college or university in this state  
5 or by a hospital accredited by this state. For purposes of this  
6 chapter, the term shall include individuals designated as intern or  
7 medical fellow.

8       (~~(4) "Emergency medical care" or "emergency medical service" has~~  
9 ~~the same meaning as in chapter 18.73 RCW.~~)

10       (5) "Secretary" means the secretary of health.

11       NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 18.71  
12 RCW to read as follows:

13       (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the  
14 commission may not require a physician to participate in a  
15 maintenance of certification requirement as a condition of licensure  
16 or license renewal. The commission may allow a physician to fulfill  
17 license renewal requirements through satisfactory participation in a  
18 recognized maintenance of certification program.

19       (2) This section does not apply to board certification  
20 requirements or maintenance of certification requirements included in  
21 any of the following:

22       (a) A stipulation to informal disposition under RCW 18.130.172;

23       (b) An order issued to resolve a statement of charges under RCW  
24 18.130.090;

25       (c) An order issued under RCW 18.130.160; or

26       (d) A reinstatement order issued under RCW 18.130.150.

27       **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.57.001 and 1996 c 178 s 2 are each amended to  
28 read as follows:

29       As used in this chapter:

30       (1) "Board" means the Washington state board of osteopathic  
31 medicine and surgery;

32       (2) "Department" means the department of health;

33       (3) (~~"Secretary" means the secretary of health; and~~)

34 "Maintenance of certification" means the satisfactory participation  
35 in a formal recertification program to maintain board certification  
36 after initial certification from the American osteopathic association  
37 bureau of osteopathic specialists, the American board of medical

1 specialties, or other accrediting organization recognized by the  
2 board;

3 (4) "Osteopathic medicine and surgery" means the use of any and  
4 all methods in the treatment of disease, injuries, deformities, and  
5 all other physical and mental conditions in and of human beings,  
6 including the use of osteopathic manipulative therapy; and

7 (5) "Secretary" means the secretary of health.

8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 18.57  
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the  
11 board may not require an osteopathic physician and surgeon to  
12 participate in a maintenance of certification requirement as a  
13 condition of licensure or license renewal. The board may allow a  
14 physician to fulfill license renewal requirements through  
15 satisfactory participation in a recognized maintenance of  
16 certification program.

17 (2) This section does not apply to board certification  
18 requirements or maintenance of certification requirements included in  
19 any of the following:

- 20 (a) A stipulation to informal disposition under RCW 18.130.172;  
21 (b) An order issued to resolve a statement of charges under RCW  
22 18.130.090;  
23 (c) An order issued under RCW 18.130.160; or  
24 (d) A reinstatement order issued under RCW 18.130.150.

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