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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2257** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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Chief Clerk

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Jenkins, and Doglio

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on Health Care & Wellness.

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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