COMMITTEE REPORT

February 21, 2018

**H. 4116**

Introduced by Reps. Ridgeway, Douglas, Spires, G.M. Smith and Clemmons

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Read the first time April 6, 2017.

**THE COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL,**

**MILITARY, PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 4116) to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 40‑47‑38 so as to provide that no provision of the Medical Practice Act may, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

LEON HOWARD for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Introduced on April 6, 2017**

**State Expenditure**

The bill provides that physicians are not required to secure a Maintenance of Certification as a condition of licensure, reimbursement, employment, or admitting privileges in a hospital in this state. The bill defines Maintenance of Certification as a continuing education program that measures core competencies in the practice of medicine and surgery and is approved by a nationally-recognized accrediting organization.

**Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation**. The department reports that this bill would not have an expenditure impact on the general fund, federal funds, or other funds as the bill does not impose any additional duties on the Board of Medical Examiners.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40‑47‑38 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO PROVISION OF THE MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT MAY BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE A PHYSICIAN TO SECURE A MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION AS A CONDITION OF LICENSURE, REIMBURSEMENT, EMPLOYMENT, OR ADMITTING PRIVILEGES AT A HOSPITAL IN THIS STATE; AND TO DEFINE A NECESSARY TERM.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 47, Title 40 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 40‑47‑38. (A) No provision of this article may be construed to require a physician to secure a Maintenance of Certification as a condition of licensure, reimbursement, employment, or admitting privileges at a hospital in this State.

(B) For the purposes of this article, ‘Maintenance of Certification’ or ‘MOC’ means a continuing education program that measures core competencies in the practice of medicine and surgery and is approved by a nationally‑recognized accrediting organization.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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