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

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**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.

Amend Title To Conform

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:

(1) licensure;

(2) reimbursement;

(3) employment; or

(4) admitting privileges at a hospital or federally qualified health center in this State.

(B) For the purposes of this article:

(1) ‘Federally qualified health center’ or ‘FQHC’ means a health center that receives a federal public health services grant under the ‘Public Health Services Act,’ 42 U.S.C. 254b, as amended, or another health center designated by the United States Health Resources and Services Administration as a federally qualified health center; and

(2) ‘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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