

Amendment No. 1 (for drafter's use only)

	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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ORIGINAL STAMP BELOW

The Council for Healthy Communities offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 37, between lines 10 & 11, of the bill

insert:

Section 21. It is the finding and intent of the Legislature that there exists a compelling state interest that patients should be informed of the credentials of the health care practitioners that treat them and that the public be protected from misleading health care advertising. The Legislature further finds that the area of board certification can be extremely confusing for patients and that practitioners could easily trick patients into believing that the practitioner is better qualified than other similarly trained practitioners simply by creating a sham designation or creating a sham certification body. Wherefore, the Legislature finds that the most direct and effective manner in which to protect patients from the identifiable harm of false or misleading advertising of credentials is to ensure that patients have a standard and easily understood method of

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1 recognizing legitimate certification bodies.

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3 (Renumber subsequent sections)

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7 And the title is amended as follows:

8 On page 3, line 14, after the semicolon,,

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10 insert:

11 providing for legislative findings and intent;

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