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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to emergency medicine; amending ss.
3 458.3312 and 459.0152, F.S.; prohibiting, effective on a
4 specified date, physicians and osteopathic physicians from
5 holding themselves out as board-certified emergency
6 physicians unless they meet specified requirements;
7 providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Section 458.3312, Florida Statutes, is amended
12 to read:

13 458.3312 Specialties.--A physician licensed under this
14 chapter may not hold himself or herself out as a board-certified
15 specialist unless the physician has received formal recognition
16 as a specialist from a specialty board of the American Board of
17 Medical Specialties or other recognizing agency approved by the
18 board. Effective January 1, 2008, a physician licensed under
19 this chapter may not hold himself or herself out as a board-
20 certified emergency physician for the practice of emergency
21 medicine unless the physician has received formal recognition as
22 a specialist from the American Board of Medical Specialties or
23 other recognizing agency approved by the board that requires
24 completion of an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical
25 Education (ACGME) approved residency or fellowship training
26 program in emergency medicine. However, a physician may indicate
27 the services offered and may state that his or her practice is

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28 | limited to one or more types of services when this accurately
29 | reflects the scope of practice of the physician.

30 | Section 2. Section 459.0152, Florida Statutes, is amended
31 | to read:

32 | 459.0152 Specialties.--An osteopathic physician licensed
33 | under this chapter may not hold himself or herself out as a
34 | board-certified specialist unless the osteopathic physician has
35 | successfully completed the requirements for certification by the
36 | American Osteopathic Association or the Accreditation Council on
37 | Graduate Medical Education and is certified as a specialist by a
38 | certifying agency approved by the board. Effective January 1,
39 | 2008, an osteopathic physician licensed under this chapter may
40 | not hold himself or herself out as a board-certified emergency
41 | osteopathic physician for the practice of emergency medicine
42 | unless the osteopathic physician has received formal recognition
43 | as a specialist from the American Board of Medical Specialties
44 | or other recognizing agency approved by the board that requires
45 | completion of an American Osteopathic Association (AOA) approved
46 | residency or fellowship training program in emergency medicine.
47 | However, an osteopathic physician may indicate the services
48 | offered and may state that his or her practice is limited to one
49 | or more types of services when this accurately reflects the
50 | scope of practice of the osteopathic physician.

51 | Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.