

By Senator Saunders

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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 physicians and
4 osteopathic physicians from holding themselves out as
5 board-certified emergency physicians unless they meet
6 specified requirements; providing an effective date.
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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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10 Section 1. Section 458.3312, Florida Statutes, is amended
11 to read:

12 458.3312 Specialties.--A physician licensed under this
13 chapter may not hold himself or herself out as a board-certified
14 specialist unless the physician has received formal recognition
15 as a specialist from a specialty board of the American Board of
16 Medical Specialties or other recognizing agency approved by the
17 board. A physician licensed under this chapter who completes his
18 or her board certification after January 1, 2009, may not hold
19 himself or herself out as a board-certified emergency physician
20 unless the physician has received formal recognition as a
21 specialist from the American Board of Medical Specialties or
22 other recognizing agency approved by the board and has completed
23 a residency or fellowship training program in emergency medicine
24 which is approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate
25 Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association.

26 However, a physician may indicate the services offered and may
27 state that his or her practice is limited to one or more types of
28 services if ~~when~~ this accurately reflects the scope of practice
29 of the physician.

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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. An osteopathic physician
39 licensed under this chapter who completes his or her board
40 certification after January 1, 2009, may not hold himself or
41 herself out as a board-certified emergency osteopathic physician
42 unless the osteopathic physician has received formal recognition
43 as a specialist from a recognized agency approved by the board
44 and has completed a residency training program in emergency
45 medicine which is approved by the American Osteopathic
46 Association or the American Council for Graduate Medical
47 Education. However, an osteopathic physician may indicate the
48 services offered and may state that his or her practice is
49 limited to one or more types of services if ~~when~~ this accurately
50 reflects the scope of practice of the osteopathic physician.

51 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.