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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to emergency medicine; amending ss. 458.3312 and 459.0152, F.S.; prohibiting, after a specified date, physicians and osteopathic physicians from holding themselves out as board-certified emergency physicians unless they meet specified requirements; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 458.3312, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

Specialties. -- A physician licensed under this 458.3312 chapter may not hold himself or herself out as a board-certified specialist unless the physician has received formal recognition as a specialist from a specialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties or other recognizing agency approved by the board. A physician licensed under this chapter who completes his or her board certification after January 1, 2009, may not hold himself or herself out as a board-certified emergency physician unless the physician has received formal recognition as a specialist from the American Board of Medical Specialties or other recognized agency approved by the board that requires completion of an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) approved residency or fellowship training program in emergency medicine or an American Osteopathic Association (AOA) approved residency or fellowship training program in emergency medicine. However, a physician may indicate

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the services offered and may state that his or her practice is limited to one or more types of services when this accurately reflects the scope of practice of the physician.

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

459.0152 Specialties. -- An osteopathic physician licensed under this chapter may not hold himself or herself out as a board-certified specialist unless the osteopathic physician has successfully completed the requirements for certification by the American Osteopathic Association or the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education and is certified as a specialist by a certifying agency approved by the board. An osteopathic physician licensed under this chapter who completes his or her board certification after January 1, 2009, may not hold himself or herself out as a board-certified emergency osteopathic physician unless the osteopathic physician has received formal recognition as a specialist from a recognized agency approved by the board that requires completion of an American Osteopathic Association (AOA) approved residency training program in emergency medicine or an American Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) approved residency training program in emergency medicine. However, an osteopathic physician may indicate the services offered and may state that his or her practice is limited to one or more types of services when this accurately reflects the scope of practice of the osteopathic physician.

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