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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to medical specialty designations;
3 amending s. 456.072, F.S.; prohibiting health care
4 practitioners from using certain medical specialty
5 designations in connection with their credentials
6 unless they are qualified or authorized to do so;
7 requiring the Department of Health to enforce such
8 prohibition; vesting the department with specified
9 enforcement authority; authorizing the department to
10 adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Paragraph (tt) is added to subsection (1) of
15 section 456.072, Florida Statutes, to read:

16 456.072 Grounds for discipline; penalties; enforcement.—

17 (1) The following acts shall constitute grounds for which
18 the disciplinary actions specified in subsection (2) may be
19 taken:

20 (tt) Using a term in connection with the licensee's
21 credentials which designates a medical specialty that the
22 American Council for Graduate Medical Education accredits or
23 recognizes through a residency or a fellowship program, unless
24 the licensee has completed such residency or fellowship program
25 or unless otherwise expressly authorized by law. The department
26 shall enforce this paragraph and has the same enforcement
27 authority as the applicable board. The department may adopt
28 rules to implement this paragraph.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.