relating to medical specialties that the Board may authorize a physician to perform.

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations Section 14-704 Annotated Code of Maryland (1981 Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health Occupations

14~704.

UNLESS--A--LICENSED--PHYSICIAN--HAS--SUCCESSFULLY--PASSED--A
SCIENTIFICALLY-VALIDATED-EXAMINATION-THAT--TESTS--PHYSICIANS--FOR
COMPETENCY--IN--A--PARTICULAR--SPECIALIZED-FIELD-OF-MEDICINE;-THE
LICENSED-PHYSICIAN-MAY-NOT-REPRESENT-TO-THE-PUBLIC;-BY-TITLE;--BY
DESCRIPTION--OF--SERVICES;--METHODS;-OR-PROCEDURES;-OR-OTHERWISE;
THAT--THE--LICENSED--PHYSICIAN--IS--AUTHORIZED--TO--PRACTICE--THE
PARTICULAR-SPECIALIZED-FIELD-OF-MEDICINE;

- (A) A PHYSICIAN MAY NOT REPRESENT TO THE PUBLIC THAT THE PHYSICIAN IS A SPECIALIST IN ANY FIELD OF SPECIALIZED MEDICAL PRACTICE UNLESS IDENTIFIED AS A SPECIALIST IN THAT FIELD BY THE BOARD.
- (B) IF A PHYSICIAN REQUESTS, THE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE PHYSICIAN QUALIFIES FOR BOARD IDENTIFICATION AS A SPECIALIST.
- (C) (1) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING APPLICATION PROCEDURES, FEES, AND REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR IDENTIFICATION AS A SPECIALIST.
- (2) THE QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED OF APPLICANTS FOR BOARD IDENTIFICATION AS A SPECIALIST MAY INCLUDE:
- (I) THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY VARIOUS SPECIALTY CERTIFYING BOARDS OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION;

(II) EDUCATION;

(III) PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE; AND

- (IV) WHETHER, BEFORE JULY 1, 1983, THE APPLICANT REPRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC, IN AN ETHICAL MANNER, THAT THE APPLICANT WAS A SPECIALIST.
 - (D) IN APPROVING ADDITIONAL SPECIALTIES, THE BOARD MAY