

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

Article - Health Occupations

14-704.

(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 NATIONAL--SPECIALTY--CERTIFYING--BOARDS THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES, THE COUNCIL OF MEDICAL SPECIALTY SOCIETIES, AND THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION;

(II) EDUCATION;

(III) PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE; AND

(IV) WHETHER, BEFORE JULY 1, 1984, THE APPLICANT REPRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC, IN AN ETHICAL MANNER, THAT THE APPLICANT WAS A SPECIALIST.

(3) THE BOARD MAY CONTRACT WITH THE FACULTY OR ANY OTHER NONPROFIT AGENCY TO PROCESS APPLICATIONS FOR IDENTIFICATION AS A SPECIALIST.

(D) IN APPROVING ADDITIONAL SPECIALTIES, THE BOARD MAY CONSIDER THOSE FIELDS RECOGNIZED AND APPROVED BY THE-NATIONAL SPECIALTY--CERTIFYING--BOARDS THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES, THE COUNCIL OF MEDICAL SPECIALTY SOCIETIES, AND THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

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