

HCS HBs 671 & 683 -- LICENSURE OF PHYSICIANS (Frederick)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Professional  
Registration and Licensing

Currently, the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration cannot issue a permanent license as a physician and surgeon or allow the Missouri state board examination to be administered to any applicant who has failed to achieve a passing score within three attempts on any step on licensing examinations administered in one or more states or territories of the United States, the District of Columbia, or Canada within a seven-year period. This bill repeals those provisions.

The bill removes the provision requiring the board to issue a license to an applicant only if they are certified in areas of specialty by the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Osteopathic Association, or other certifying agency approved by the board by rule.

The bill prohibits the state from requiring any form of maintenance of licensure as a condition of physician licensure. Current requirements including continuous medical education must suffice to demonstrate professional competency. The state must not require any form of specialty medical board certification or any maintenance of certification to practice medicine in this state. The state board or any other state agency must not discriminate against physicians who do not maintain specialty medical board certification including recertification.