

HB 265 -- MEDICAL PRACTICE FREEDOM ACT

SPONSOR: Frederick

This bill specifies that state licensure requirements for physicians, chiropractors, optometrists, and dentists in this state must be granted based on demonstrated skill and academic competence. Licensure approval for physicians, chiropractors, optometrists, and dentists in this state must not be conditioned upon or related to participation in any public or private health insurance plan, public health care system, public service initiative, or emergency room coverage. State licensure for physicians must be conducted exclusively under Chapter 334, RSMo, chiropractors must be conducted exclusively under Chapter 331, optometrists must be conducted exclusively under Chapter 336, and dentists must be conducted exclusively under Chapter 332. The bill prohibits state licensure for physicians or optometrists from being conditioned upon or related to compliance with the meaningful use of electronic health records as set forth in the Part 170 of the Code of Federal Regulation.