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**A211, R249, H4116**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

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Sponsors: Reps. Ridgeway, Douglas, Spires, G.M. Smith, Clemmons, Tallon and Cole

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Introduced in the Senate on February 27, 2018

Last Amended on April 25, 2018

Passed by the General Assembly on May 10, 2018

Governor's Action: May 18, 2018, Signed

Summary: Medical Practice Act

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

 Date Body Action Description with journal page number

 4/6/2017 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 54](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20170406.docx))

 4/6/2017 House Referred to Committee on **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 54](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20170406.docx))

 5/3/2017 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Clemmons

 2/21/2018 House Committee report: Favorable **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 3](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20180221.docx))

 2/22/2018 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Tallon, Cole

 2/22/2018 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 25](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20180222.docx))

 2/22/2018 House Roll call Yeas‑99 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 26](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20180222.docx))

 2/22/2018 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day ([House Journal‑page 27](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20180222.docx))

 2/23/2018 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 2](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20180223.docx))

 2/27/2018 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20180227.docx))

 2/27/2018 Senate Referred to Committee on **Medical Affairs** ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20180227.docx))

 3/15/2018 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Medical Affairs** ([Senate Journal‑page 13](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20180315.docx))

 3/16/2018 Scrivener's error corrected

 3/29/2018 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 47](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20180329.docx))

 3/29/2018 Senate Roll call Ayes‑39 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 47](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20180329.docx))

 4/17/2018 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20180417.docx))

 4/17/2018 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20180417.docx))

 4/17/2018 Senate Roll call Ayes‑41 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20180417.docx))

 4/19/2018 House Debate adjourned until Tues., 4‑24‑18 ([House Journal‑page 52](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20180419.docx))

 4/25/2018 House Senate amendment amended ([House Journal‑page 72](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20180425.docx))

 4/25/2018 House Roll call Yeas‑98 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 73](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20180425.docx))

 4/25/2018 House Returned to Senate with amendments ([House Journal‑page 72](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20180425.docx))

 5/10/2018 Senate Concurred in House amendment and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 54](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20180510.docx))

 5/10/2018 Senate Roll call Ayes‑40 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 54](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20180510.docx))

 5/14/2018 Ratified R 249

 5/18/2018 Signed By Governor

 5/25/2018 Effective date 05/18/18

 5/31/2018 Act No. 211

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(A211, R249, H4116)

**AN ACT** **TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40‑47‑38 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE PHYSICIANS TO SECURE MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATIONS AS A CONDITION OF LICENSURE, REIMBURSEMENT, EMPLOYMENT, OR ADMITTING PRIVILEGES AT HOSPITALS OR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS IN THIS STATE; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Not required for licensure, reimbursement, employment or admitting privileges**

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 47, Title 40 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

 “Section 40‑47‑38. (A) No provision of this article may be construed to require a physician to secure a Maintenance of Certification as a condition of:

 (1) licensure;

 (2) reimbursement;

 (3) employment; or

 (4) admitting privileges at a hospital or federally qualified health center in this State.

 (B) For the purposes of this article:

 (1) ‘Federally qualified health center’ or ‘FQHC’ means a health center that receives a federal public health services grant under the Public Health Services Act, 42 U.S.C. 254b, as amended, or another health center designated by the United States Health Resources and Services Administration as a federally qualified health center.

 (2) ‘Maintenance of Certification’ or ‘MOC’ means a continuing education program that measures core competencies in the practice of medicine and surgery and is approved by a nationally recognized accrediting organization.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 14th day of May, 2018.

Approved the 18th day of May, 2018.

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