



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 402***

LCO No. 1978



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING TRUTH IN ADVERTISING BY MEDICAL DOCTORS AND DOCTORS OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2018*) (a) As used in this  
2 section:

3 (1) "Physician" means a person who is licensed to practice medicine,  
4 osteopathy, or surgery pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes;

5 (2) "Board certified" means certified by a board in accordance with  
6 the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section.

7 (b) A physician may advertise or otherwise convey to the public that  
8 he or she is board certified only if the following conditions are  
9 satisfied: (1) The advertisement states the full name of the certifying  
10 board, and (2) the certifying board is either (A) a member of the  
11 American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic  
12 Association, or (B) another board that requires, as prerequisites for  
13 issuing certification, (i) successful completion of a postgraduate

14 training program that is approved by the Accreditation Council for  
15 Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association,  
16 that provides training in the specialty or subspecialty certified by such  
17 other board and that is certified by a board described in subparagraph  
18 (A) of this subdivision, and (ii) successful passage of an examination in  
19 the specialty or subspecialty certified by such other board.

20 (c) Any physician found to be in violation of any provision of this  
21 section shall be subject to the disciplinary action pursuant to section  
22 19a-17 of the general statutes.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                 |             |
| Section 1   | October 1, 2018 | New section |

**Statement of Purpose:**

To define "board certification" or "board certified" as used by medical doctors and doctors of osteopathic medicine.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*