

HOUSE BILL NO. 191

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE REINBOLD

Introduced: 3/22/17

Referred: Health and Social Services, Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the practice of medicine and osteopathy."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 08.64 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 08.64.372. Maintenance of certification and osteopathic continuous**
5 **certification.** (a) Nothing in this chapter may be construed to require a physician to
6 secure a maintenance of certification as a condition of licensure, reimbursement,
7 employment, or admitting privileges at a hospital in this state. In this subsection,
8 "maintenance of certification" means a proprietary program that requires an individual
9 to engage in periodic testing, self-assessment, peer evaluation, or other activities to
10 obtain and maintain a specialty medical certification.

11 (b) Nothing in this chapter may be construed to require an osteopath to secure
12 an osteopathic continuous certification as a condition of licensure, reimbursement,
13 employment, or admitting privileges at a hospital in this state. In this subsection,
14 "osteopathic continuous certification" means a proprietary program that requires an
15 individual to engage in periodic testing, self-assessment, peer evaluation, or other

1 activities to obtain and maintain a specialty osteopathic certification.

2 * **Sec. 2.** AS 18.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

3 **Sec. 18.20.105. Limitations on maintenance of certification and**
4 **osteopathic continuous certification.** (a) A hospital may not revoke, suspend,
5 condition, restrict, or refuse to grant hospital privileges to a person licensed under
6 AS 08.64 to practice as

7 (1) a physician because of the physician's failure to participate in or
8 secure a maintenance of certification; or

9 (2) an osteopath because of the osteopath's failure to participate in or
10 secure an osteopathic continuous certification.

11 (b) In this section,

12 (1) "maintenance of certification" means a proprietary program that
13 requires an individual to engage in periodic testing, self-assessment, peer evaluation,
14 or other activities to obtain and maintain a specialty medical certification;

15 (2) "osteopathic continuous certification" means a proprietary program
16 that requires an individual to engage in periodic testing, self-assessment, peer
17 evaluation, or other activities to obtain and maintain a specialty osteopathic
18 certification.