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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 837, L.D. 1200, Bill, “An Act Relating To the Licensure of Physicians and Surgeons”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Relating to the Licensure of Physicians'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. **32 MRSA §2581**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 492, §6, is further amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

The board may not require an applicant for initial licensure or license renewal as an osteopathic physician under this chapter to obtain certification from a specialty medical board or to obtain osteopathic continuous certification as a condition of licensure. For the purposes of this section, "osteopathic continuous certification" means a program that requires an osteopathic physician to engage in periodic examination, self-assessment, peer evaluation or other activities to maintain certification from a specialty medical board.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 2 by striking out all of the last paragraph (page 2, lines 1 to 6 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'The board may not require an applicant for initial licensure or license renewal as a physician under this chapter to obtain certification from a specialty medical board or to obtain a maintenance of certification as a condition of licensure. For the purposes of this subsection, "maintenance of certification" means a program that requires a physician to engage in periodic examination, self-assessment, peer evaluation or other activities to maintain certification from a specialty medical board.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, prohibits the Board of Osteopathic Licensure and the Board of Licensure in Medicine from requiring a physician to obtain osteopathic continuous certification or maintenance of certification

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1 from a specialty medical board as a condition of initial licensure or license renewal. This
2 amendment removes the provisions of the bill related to physician reimbursement,
3 physician employment and hospital admitting privileges.