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SENATE . . . . . No. 764

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Diana DiZoglio

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to maintenance of certification.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Diana DiZoglio	*First Essex*

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By Ms. DiZoglio, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 764) of Diana DiZoglio for legislation relative to maintenance of certification. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *681* OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

An Act relative to maintenance of certification.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Paragraph (b) of Section 15 of Chapter 6D of the General laws, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new text:

; and (xi) That the ACO shall not require a physician to secure a Maintenance of Certification (MOC) as qualifying for membership, credentialing or otherwise receiving participating in the ACO or receiving reimbursement for medical services provided. For the purposes of this paragraph, "Maintenance of Certification (MOC)" shall mean a continuing education program measuring core competencies in the practice of medicine and surgery and approved by a nationally-recognized accrediting organization.

SECTION 2. Chapter 111 is hereby amended by adding Section 51C1/2 as follows:

Each hospital, or other institution, licensed under section fifty-one shall not require a physician to secure a Maintenance of Certification (MOC) as when considering or acting on an application for employment or staff membership or clinical privileges to practice. For the purposes of this paragraph, "Maintenance of Certification (MOC)" shall mean a continuing education program measuring core competencies in the practice of medicine and surgery and approved by a nationally-recognized accrediting organization.

SECTION 3. Chapter 112; Section 2 is hereby be amended by adding the following new paragraph at the conclusion of the Section:

Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as to require a physician to secure a Maintenance of Certification (MOC) as a condition of licensure, reimbursement, employment, or admitting privileges at a hospital in this state. For the purposes of this paragraph, "Maintenance of Certification (MOC)" shall mean a continuing education program measuring core competencies in the practice of medicine and surgery and approved by a nationally-recognized accrediting organization.

SECTION 4. Chapter 176A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:

The hospital services corporation medical professional mutual insurance company approved by the commissioner shall not require a physician to secure a Maintenance of Certification (MOC) as qualifying for credentialing or otherwise receiving reimbursement for medical services provided. For the purposes of this paragraph, "Maintenance of Certification (MOC)" shall mean a continuing education program measuring core competencies in the practice of medicine and surgery and approved by a nationally-recognized accrediting organization.

SECTION 5. Chapter 176B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:

The medical services corporation approved by the commissioner shall not require a physician to secure a Maintenance of Certification (MOC) as qualifying for credentialing or otherwise receiving reimbursement for medical services provided. For the purposes of this paragraph, "Maintenance of Certification (MOC)" shall mean a continuing education program measuring core competencies in the practice of medicine and surgery and approved by a nationally-recognized accrediting organization.

SECTION 6. Chapter 176G of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:

The health maintenance organization shall not require a physician to secure a Maintenance of Certification (MOC) as qualifying for credentialing or otherwise receiving reimbursement for medical services provided. For the purposes of this paragraph, "Maintenance of Certification (MOC)" shall mean a continuing education program measuring core competencies in the practice of medicine and surgery and approved by a nationally-recognized accrediting organization.

SECTION 7. Chapter 176I of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:

Organizations shall not require a physician to secure a Maintenance of Certification (MOC) as qualifying for credentialing or otherwise receiving reimbursement for medical services provided. For the purposes of this paragraph, "Maintenance of Certification (MOC)"

shall mean a continuing education program measuring core competencies in the practice of medicine and surgery and approved by a nationally-recognized accrediting organization.