

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 13

AN ACT

To repeal section 334.285, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to health care.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 334.285, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 9.287 and 334.285, to read as follows:

9.287. The month of May shall be known and designated as "Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Awareness Month". Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome is a rare disorder affecting connective tissues that results in joint hypermobility, skin hyperextensibility, chronic pain, fatigue, and, in some cases, spontaneous rupture of blood vessels and internal organs. The citizens of this state are encouraged to observe the month with appropriate events and activities to raise awareness of Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome.

334.285. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Continuing medical education", continued postgraduate medical education intended to provide [medical professionals] physicians with knowledge of new developments in their field;

(2) "Maintenance of certification", any process requiring periodic recertification examinations, or completion of proprietary activities, modules, or regular payment of fees, to maintain specialty medical board certification;

(3) "Maintenance of licensure", the Federation of State Medical Boards' proprietary framework for physician

license renewal including additional periodic testing other than continuing medical education;

(4) "Specialty medical board certification", certification by a board that specializes in one particular area of medicine and typically requires additional and more strenuous exams than state board of registration for the healing arts requirements to practice medicine.

2. The state shall not require any form of maintenance of licensure as a condition of physician licensure including requiring any form of maintenance of licensure tied to maintenance of certification. Current requirements including continuing medical education shall suffice to demonstrate professional competency.

3. The state shall not require any form of specialty medical board certification or any maintenance of certification to practice medicine within the state. There shall be no discrimination by the state board of registration for the healing arts or any other state agency against physicians who do not maintain specialty medical board certification including recertification.

4. No hospital, health care facility, or institution or program owned, operated, or licensed by the state shall condition employment or the granting of medical staff privileges on a physician's maintenance of certification or maintenance of licensure.

5. No health carrier, as defined in section 376.1350, shall condition physician reimbursement or participation in the carrier's health plans on a physician's maintenance of certification or maintenance of licensure.