

**ADOPTED**

Senator Hill of the 32nd offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend 1043 by inserting after "To" on line 1 "amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of*  
 2 *the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice relative to physicians,*  
 3 *assistants, and others, so as to provide for certain requirements for advertisement or*  
 4 *publication of representations of board certification by physicians; to" and by inserting after*  
 5 *"BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:" the following:*

6 **SECTION 0.1.**

7 Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
 8 medical practice relative to physicians, assistants, and others, is amended by adding a new  
 9 Code section to read as follows:

10 "43-34-22.1.

11 (a) No physician shall advertise or hold himself or herself out to the public in any manner  
 12 as being certified or board certified in any specialty or subspecialty by a public or private  
 13 board, including, but not limited to, a multidisciplinary board, unless:

14 (1) The advertisement or publication states the full name of the certifying board; and

15 (2) Such certifying board either:

16 (A) Is a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American  
 17 Osteopathic Association; or

18 (B) Requires successful completion of a postgraduate training program approved by  
 19 the Accreditation Commission for Graduate Medical Education or the American  
 20 Osteopathic Association that provides complete training in the specialty or subspecialty  
 21 certified, followed by prerequisite certification by the American Board of Medical  
 22 Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association board for that training field, and  
 23 further successful completion of an examination in the specialty or subspecialty  
 24 certified.

25 (b) The board may take any disciplinary action provided under subsection (b) of Code  
 26 Section 43-34-8 upon a finding of any conduct in violation of this Code section."