
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

EFFORTS TO REGULATE CERTIFICATION

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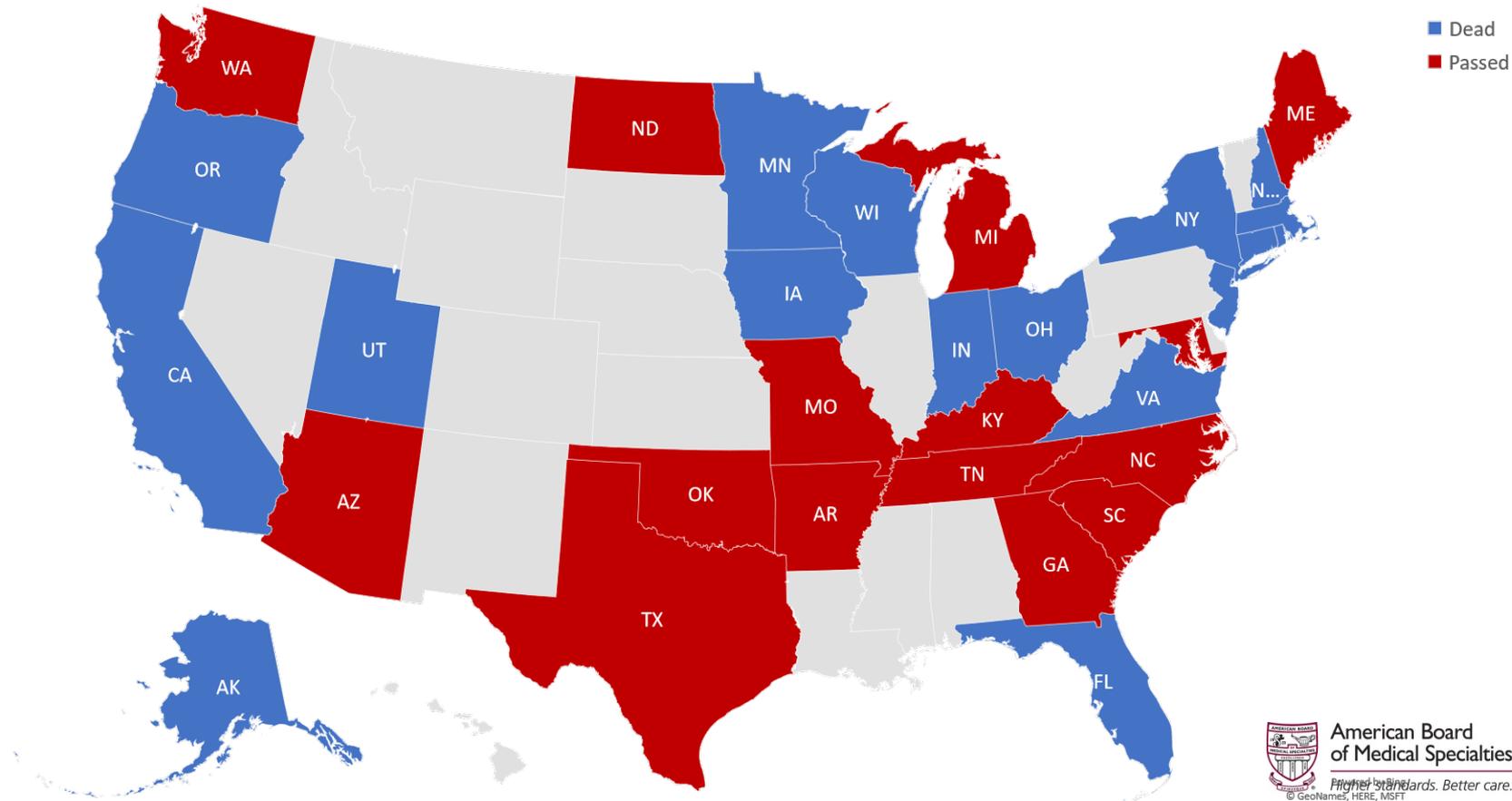
Urology

PHYSICIAN CONCERNS

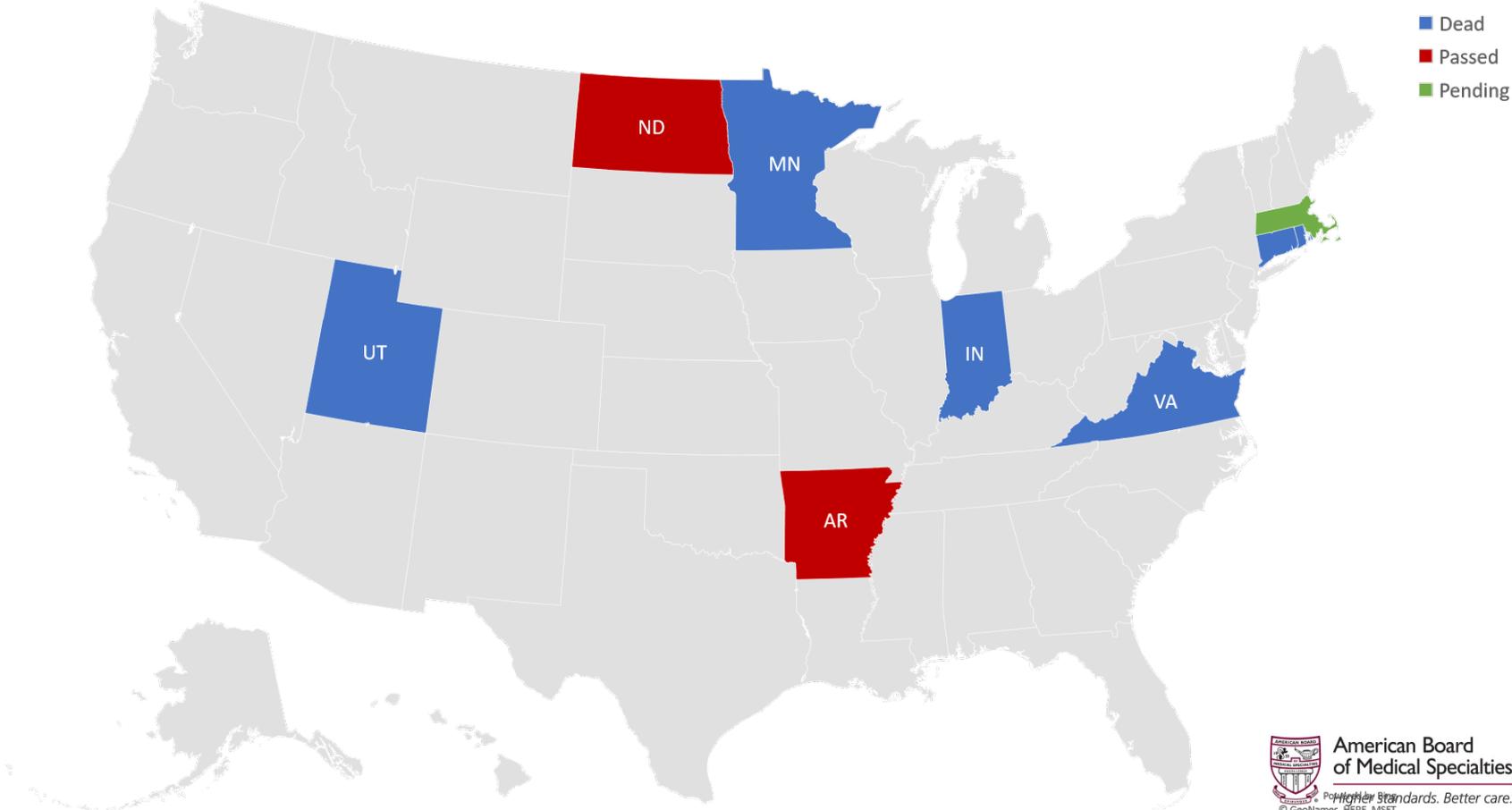
- Not integrated with practice
- Difficult to navigate
- Redundant and low value activities
- High stakes examination
 - Examination content and process not relevant
 - Preparation burden and cost
 - Failure → risk of losing clinical privileges
- Not meeting learning and improvement needs



STATE LEGISLATION 2016-2019



2019 STATE LEGISLATION



ADDITIONAL FRONTS

- Appeals to state medical boards for recognition of simple CME to substitute for certification
- Six lawsuits alleging anti-trust and RICO violations
- Professional Certification Coalition to address State licensing rules that would gut private certification programs
 - bar professionals holding private certifications from using the titles “certified” or “registered”;
 - create barriers to state professional licensure laws that recognize or require private certifications; and/or
 - establish governmental certification programs that to supplant private certification programs, in some circumstances.

COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF CONTINUING CERTIFICATION

- Collaborative effort brought together multiple stakeholders to envision the future of continuing board certification.
 - Recommendations re principles, frameworks and program models for the continuing board certification system that are:
 - responsive to the needs of those who rely on it
 - relevant, meaningful and of value to certificate-holders
- The Commission gathered substantial stakeholder input
 - Stakeholder testimony February 2018 – January 2019
 - Extensive testimony and comments on draft report
- Commission recommendations were considered during the ABMS BOD meeting on February 24-27, 2019

THEMES

Continuing certification should:

- Deliver value to physicians
- Yield a trusted credential for patients and other stakeholders
- Be developed collaboratively within the profession
- Balance burden and benefit

Practical implications

- Coherent elements linked to desired outcomes
- Integrate with practice workflow
- Formative assessment to support learning and improvement
- Portfolio-based v. single-point-in-time judgments that knowledge and skill standards have been met
- Positive engagement of certificate-holders
- New relationships with professional organizations and other stakeholders

