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MEMO B-FEBRUARY/04-40 ACTION: APPROVED

SUBJECT: MILITARY PERSONNEL—EXTENSION OF CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION TIME LIMITS FOR OVERSEAS AND/OR REACTIVATED

SUBMITTED BY: Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists (Res. No. 38)

In February 2004, the Board of Trustees approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, DOs who have been called for active duty overseas may not be able to complete their certification or recertification requirements by the prescribed time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that in times of military conflict or war, military personnel outside the United States and unable to return for a certification or recertification examination will be given an extension of one year from the date of discharge to sit for the certification or recertification examination; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that prior to the expiration of the extension, board-eligible candidates shall remain board-eligible and certified osteopathic physicians shall remain certified; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that it is the responsibility of the individual certifying boards to administer this extension policy for their candidates; and, be it further

RESOLVED, at each Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists meeting, the certifying boards must provide:

1. a list of candidates who have been granted the extension and the expected expiration date of each extension,

2. a list of candidates whose extension has expired, and

3. a list of those candidates who completed certification or recertification after having been granted the extension.

Explanatory Statement: This policy is to assist those osteopathic physicians who have been called to serve in the military. The certifying boards must provide the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists with information on candidates who have been granted the extension so that the AOA maintains accurate information on the certification status of all osteopathic physicians.

Reference: (Unofficial action)