
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2024 Regular Session

Substitute for Original House Bill No. 959 by Representative Deshotel as proposed by the House Committee on Commerce

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To enact R.S. 37:1275.2, relative to licenses authorized by certain departments, boards, commissions, and offices; to allow the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to grant certain temporary permits and licenses; to provide for requirements for international medical graduates; to limit certain practices; to provide for licensure of certain physicians; to require rule promulgation; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:1275.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1275.2. International physicians; temporary permit; licensure

A. The board may grant a temporary permit to practice medicine in this state to an international medical graduate who satisfies all of the following criteria:

(1) Has been granted a medical doctorate or substantially similar degree by an international medical program of good standing. For the purposes of this Section, "international medical program" means a medical school, residency program, medical internship program, or entity that provides physicians with a medical education or training outside of the United States that is substantially similar to the medical education or training required to practice as a physician in this state. The international medical graduate shall submit documentation or a certification from a medical school whose curriculum is judged to be acceptable by the board.

(2) Is in good standing with the medical licensing or regulatory institution of the individual's licensing country.

(3) Has completed a residency or substantially similar post-graduate medical training in the individual's licensing country or practiced as a medical professional performing the duties of a physician in the individual's licensing country for no less than five years.

(4) Is a citizen of the United States or Canada or legally entitled to live or work in the United States and possesses basic fluency in the English language.

(5) Has submitted sufficient evidence to the board that the applicant has an offer for employment as a physician at a facility owned or operated by a hospital licensed in this state.

B. An international medical graduate who is granted a temporary permit pursuant to this Section shall only provide medical services at a facility owned or operated by a hospital licensed by this state.

C. The board may revoke a temporary permit issued pursuant to this Section based upon a finding that clear and convincing evidence exists that a temporary permit holder's medical services violated medical safety, competency, or conduct standards established by the board.

D. The board shall grant a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine to the holder of a temporary permit issued pursuant to this Section who is in good standing two years after the date of the issuance of the temporary permit. A holder of a temporary permit who obtains a full and unrestricted license is not subject to the limitation of practicing at a licensed hospital.

E. The board shall promulgate any rules and regulations pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act that may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Permits the La. State Board of Medical Examiners to grant temporary permits and licenses to certain international medical graduates.

Proposed law permits the La. State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME) to grant an international medical graduate a temporary permit to practice medicine in the state if the graduate satisfies the all of following criteria:

- (1) Has been granted a medical doctorate or substantially similar degree by an international medical program of good standing.

- (2) Is in good standing with the medical licensing or regulatory institution of the individual's licensing country.
- (3) Has completed a residency or substantially similar post-graduate medical training or practiced as a medical professional performing the duties of a physician.
- (4) Is a citizen of the United States or Canada or legally entitled to live or work in the United States and possesses basic fluency in the English language.
- (5) Has submitted sufficient evidence to the LSBME that the applicant has an offer for employment as a physician.

Proposed law provides that an international medical graduate who is granted a temporary permit pursuant to proposed law shall only provide medical services at a facility owned or operated by a hospital licensed by the state.

Proposed law permits the LSBME to revoke a temporary permit issued pursuant to proposed law based upon certain findings.

Proposed law requires the LSBME to grant a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine to the holder of a temporary permit who is in good standing two years after the date of the issuance of the temporary permit.

Proposed law provides that the LSBME shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to effectuate proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 37:1275.2)