
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 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)