

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 646 (HB 972)**

**2024 Regular Session**

**Deshotel**

New law permits the La. State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME) to grant an international medical graduate a license to practice medicine in the state if the graduate 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.
- (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 for no less than five years.
- (4) Is a citizen of the U.S. or Canada or legally entitled to live or work in the U.S. 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.

New law requires an international medical graduate who is granted a license pursuant to new law to provide medical services only at a facility owned or operated by a hospital licensed by the state until the completion of two years from the date of original licensure.

New law permits the LSBME to revoke a license issued pursuant to new law based upon certain findings.

New law requires the LSBME to promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to effectuate new law.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 37:1275.2)