

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2022 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 439 by Senator Peacock

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 4, change "through 1310.15," to "and 1310.12,"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 6, delete "to provide for collaborative practice agreements;"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 2, line 19, change "through 1310.15," to "and 1310.12,"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 4

8 On page 3, line 1, change "any license or permit issued" to "any license, ~~or~~ permit, or  
9 certificate issued"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 5

11 On page 3, after line 5, delete the remainder of the page and delete pages 4 through 7 in their  
12 entirety and on page 8 delete lines 1 through 3 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the  
13 following:

14 **"A. The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, referred to**  
15 **hereafter in this Section as the "board", may develop, implement, and maintain**  
16 **a program that allows an individual who meets certain criteria as set forth by**  
17 **the board to be certified by the board to practice medicine as a bridge year**  
18 **graduate physician. Such certification shall be valid for one year and may be**  
19 **renewed for no more than two additional one-year periods upon application to**  
20 **the board.**

21 **B. The board shall provide for the criteria for participation in the bridge**  
22 **year graduate physician program which, at a minimum, shall require the**  
23 **individual seeking certification to meet the following qualifications:**

24 **(1) He is a graduate of an accredited medical school and is either a**  
25 **resident of Louisiana or trained for at least one year in an accredited medical**  
26 **school located in Louisiana.**

27 **(2) He applied to, but was not accepted into, an accredited medical**  
28 **residency training program for the first year following medical school**  
29 **graduation.**

30 **C. The board shall provide for the prescriptive authority of a bridge**  
31 **year graduate physician including prescribing legend and certain controlled**  
32 **drugs.**

33 **D. The board may suspend, terminate, or revoke a bridge year graduate**  
34 **physician certificate prior to the expiration of one year for any reason provided**  
35 **by law or board rule for the termination of licenses, permits, registrations, or**  
36 **certificates issued by the board, including but not limited to a violation of any**  
37 **provision of this Part or the rules promulgated by the board pursuant to this**  
38 **Part.**

1                    **E. An individual holding a certification to practice as a bridge year**  
2                    **graduate physician shall practice only under the direct supervision of a**  
3                    **board-certified physician holding a license in good standing with the board.**"

4                    AMENDMENT NO. 6

5                    On page 8, line 4, change "§1310.14." to "§1310.12."

6                    AMENDMENT NO. 7

7                    On page 8, delete lines 8 and 9 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

8                    "Section 3. The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners shall consult and seek  
9                    input from the Louisiana State Medical Society, the Louisiana Academy of Family  
10                    Physicians, a community physician, a medical student who applied to, but was not accepted  
11                    into, an accredited medical residency training program for the first year following medical  
12                    school graduation, and a medical student during the development of the bridge year graduate  
13                    physician program authorized by the provisions of Section 1 of this Act."