

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 972

2024 Regular Session

Deshotel

LICENSING: Allows the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to grant certain temporary permits and licenses

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Permits the La. State Board of Medical Examiners to grant licensure to international medical graduates by changing "temporary permit" to "license".
2. Removes provision to grant an unrestricted license to a temporary permit holder.
3. Adds that a license holder shall provide medical services only at a facility licensed by the state until the completion of two years from the date of original licensure.
4. Makes technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed 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.
- (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 requires an international medical graduate who is granted a license pursuant to proposed 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.

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

Proposed law requires the LSBME to promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to effectuate proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 37:1275.2)