
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 453-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) Before any applicant shall be eligible for licensure,
4 the applicant shall furnish proof satisfactory to the board
5 that:

6 (1) The applicant is of demonstrated competence and
7 professional knowledge; and

8 (2) The applicant is a graduate of:

9 (A) A medical school or college whose program leading
10 to the M.D. degree is accredited by the Liaison
11 Committee on Medical Education or whose program
12 leading to the D.O. degree is approved by the
13 American Osteopathic Association Commission on
14 Osteopathic College Accreditation, and has served
15 a residency of at least one year in a program
16 that has been accredited for the training of
17 resident physicians or osteopathic physicians by



1 the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical
2 Education or the American Osteopathic
3 Association, respectively, or a residency of at
4 least one year in a program in Canada that has
5 been accredited for the training of resident
6 physicians by the Royal College of Physicians and
7 Surgeons of Canada, or the College of Family
8 Physicians of Canada; or

9 (B) A foreign medical school and has had at least two
10 years of residency in a program accredited by the
11 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical
12 Education or the American Osteopathic
13 Association, or has had at least two years of
14 residency in a program in Canada that has been
15 accredited for the training of resident
16 physicians by the Royal College of Physicians and
17 Surgeons of Canada, or by the College of Family
18 Physicians of Canada; and:

19 (i) Holds the national certificate of the
20 Educational Commission for Foreign Medical
21 Graduates, or its successor, or for



1 applicants with residency training in
2 Canada, has passed with scores deemed
3 satisfactory by the board, the Medical
4 Council of Canada Evaluating Examination, or
5 its successor; or

6 (ii) Holds the certificate of the Fifth Pathway
7 Program of the American Medical Association;
8 provided that for a period of two years after
9 June 26, 2004, the requirements of subsection
10 (b) (2) (B) (i) and (ii) shall not apply to any
11 applicant who has had four years of residency in
12 a program accredited by the Accreditation Council
13 for Graduate Medical Education or the American
14 Osteopathic Association and who has passed, with
15 scores deemed satisfactory by the board, the
16 Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) [÷]; provided
17 further that the requirement that an applicant
18 complete at least two years of residency in an
19 accredited program shall not apply to any
20 applicant who has had at least one year of
21 fellowship training in a program whose parent



1 program or hospital is accredited by the
2 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical
3 Education or the American Osteopathic
4 Association, or who has had at least one year of
5 fellowship training in Canada in a program whose
6 parent program or hospital is accredited by the
7 Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of
8 Canada, or by the College of Family Physicians of
9 Canada; provided further that the board may waive
10 the residency requirement under this subparagraph
11 for an applicant who is a graduate from a foreign
12 medical school who has passed, with scores deemed
13 satisfactory by the board, the United States
14 Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) and who
15 provides services in a specialty that no other
16 physician licensed in the State provides."

17 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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INTRODUCED BY: 

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Report Title:

Medical Students; Licensure; Waiver; International Medical Graduates; Exemptions

Description:

Exempts graduates from international medical schools from the residency requirements for medical licensure if the applicant has had at least one year of fellowship training in a program whose parent program or hospital is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, American Osteopathic Association, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or College of Family Physicians of Canada. Authorizes the board to waive the residency requirements if the applicant has graduated from a foreign medical school, passed the USMLE, and practices in a specialty that no other licensed physician in the State practices in.

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