
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 453-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§453-4.5 Foreign medical graduates; alternative**
4 **qualifications.** Notwithstanding section 453-4(b)(2)(B), a
5 graduate of a foreign medical school [~~who has passed~~] may be
6 licensed by the Hawaii medical board under section 453-4(c) if
7 the graduate:

8 (1) Passed the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) or
9 the United States Medical Licensing Examination
10 (USMLE), or a combination of these examinations as
11 approved by the board, with scores deemed satisfactory
12 to the board, passed the qualifying examination of the
13 Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates
14 [~~prior to 1984~~], and has at least three years of
15 medical training or experience in a hospital approved
16 by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of
17 the American Medical Association for internship or



1 residency [~~may be licensed by the Hawaii medical board~~
2 ~~under section 453-4(e).~~]; or

- 3 (2) Passed the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) or
4 the United States Medical Licensing Examination
5 (USMLE), or a combination of these examinations as
6 approved by the board, with scores deemed satisfactory
7 to the board, possesses an Educational Commission for
8 Foreign Medical Graduates certificate, and has
9 successfully completed two years of post-graduate
10 medical training in a program approved by the
11 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
12 or American Osteopathic Association or a Canadian
13 program that has been accredited for resident training
14 by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of
15 Canada or College of Family Physicians of Canada;
16 provided that if the post-graduate medical training
17 involves a subspecialty clinical fellowship program,
18 the board may accept post-graduate medical training in
19 a hospital that has an Accreditation Council for
20 Graduate Medical Education or American Osteopathic



1 Association or accredited Canadian post graduate
2 medical training program in the parent specialty."

3 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

Foreign Medical Graduates; Licensure; Hawaii Medical Board

Description:

Allows a pathway for foreign medical school graduates to be licensed as physicians that was previously only available to graduates who passed the qualifying examination of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates before 1984. Establishes an alternative pathway for the licensure as physicians for foreign medical graduates who passed certain examinations, possess an Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates certificate, and have completed two years of post-graduate medical training. (SD1)

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