



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 211

SENATE BILL NO. 1451

By Roberts

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1312

By Kumar, Hardaway, Ragan, Helton-Haynes, Sparks, Howell, Thompson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, relative to health care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-207(g), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting:

(g)(1) The board may issue a temporary license of limited duration to an international medical school graduate upon finding sufficient evidence that the international medical school graduate:

(A) Demonstrated competency as determined by the board;

(B) Completed a three-year post-graduate training program in the graduate's licensing country; or

(C) Has otherwise practiced as a medical professional performing the duties of a physician for at least three (3) of the last five (5) years outside the United States.

(2) An applicant under subdivision (g)(1)(B) or (g)(1)(C) must submit sufficient evidence that the applicant is an international medical school graduate and has an offer for employment as a physician at a healthcare provider that operates in this state and has a post-graduate training program accredited by the accreditation council for graduate medical education in place.

(3) An international medical school graduate who is granted a temporary license under subdivision (g)(1)(B) or (g)(1)(C) must only provide medical services at a healthcare provider that has in place a post-graduate training program accredited by the accreditation council for graduate medical education.

(4) The board shall grant a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine to a temporary licensee under subdivision (g)(1)(B) or (g)(1)(C) who is in good standing two (2) years after the date of temporary licensure. A temporary licensee who obtains a full and unrestricted license is not subject to the limitation of practicing at a healthcare facility with a post-graduate training program.

(5) As used in this subsection (g), "healthcare provider" means an individual, entity, corporation, person, or organization, whether for profit or nonprofit, that furnishes, bills, or is paid for a healthcare procedure or service delivery in the normal course of business, and includes, but is not limited to, a health system, hospital, hospital-based facility, freestanding emergency facility, and urgent care clinic.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 6, 2023



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 24th day of April 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR