CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 29(RLS)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/4/99
Referred: Today's Calendar

Sponsor(s): SENATOR WARD

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to licensure of physicians; and providing for an effective date."

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

* Section 1. AS 08.64.200(a) is amended to read:

(a) Except for foreign medical graduates as specified in AS 08.64.225, each physician applicant shall

(1) submit a certificate of graduation from a legally chartered medical school accredited by the Association of American Medical Colleges and the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association;

(2) submit a certificate from a recognized hospital certifying that the applicant has satisfactorily performed the duties of resident physician or intern for a period of one year;

(3) submit a list of negotiated settlements or judgments in claims or civil actions alleging medical malpractice against the applicant, including an explanation of the basis for each claim or action; and

(4) not have a license to practice medicine in another state, province,
or territory that [WHICH] is currently suspended or revoked for disciplinary reasons 
[; AND 

(5) BE A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OR BE LAWFULLY
ADMITTED FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE].

* Sec. 2. AS 08.64.205 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.64.205. Qualifications for osteopath applicants. Each osteopath 
applicant shall meet the qualifications prescribed in AS 08.64.200(a)(3) and (4) 
[AS 08.64.200(a)(3) - (5)] and shall 

(1) submit a certificate of graduation from the legally chartered school 
of osteopathy approved by the board;

(2) submit a certificate from a hospital approved by the American 
Medical Association or the American Osteopathic Association that [WHICH] certifies 
that the osteopath has satisfactorily completed and performed the duties of intern or 
resident physician for one year;

(3) take the examination required by AS 08.64.210 or be certified to 
practice by the National Board of Examiners for Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

* Sec. 3. AS 08.64.225 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.64.225. Foreign medical graduates. Applicants who are graduates 
of medical colleges not accredited by the Association of American Medical Colleges 
and the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association shall 

(1) [MUST] meet the requirements of AS 08.64.200(a)(3) and (4) 
[AS 08.64.200(a)(2) - (5)] and 08.64.255;

(2) have successfully completed three years of postgraduate training 
as evidenced by a certificate of completion of the first year of postgraduate 
training from the facility where the applicant completed the first year of 
internship or residency and a certificate of successful completion of two additional 
years of postgraduate training at a recognized hospital; [,] and

(3) [MUST] have passed examinations as specified by the board in 
regulations [OR BE LICENSED BY EXAMINATION IN ANOTHER STATE OR 
TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES OR PROVINCE OR TERRITORY OF 
CANADA].
Sec. 4. AS 08.64.272(c) is amended to read:

(c) A permit issued under this section is valid for the period specified by the board, but not to exceed 18 months [ONE YEAR] after the date of issue. Upon application by a person who pays the required fee and has been accepted by an eligible institution in the state for the purpose of residency or internship, the board may renew a permit issued under this section for a period specified by the board, but not to exceed 18 months after the date of renewal.

Sec. 5. AS 08.64.275(b) is amended to read:

(b) A physician applying under (a) of this section shall pay the required fee and shall meet the requirements of AS 08.64.279 and the requirements of either AS 08.64.200 or 08.64.225 [AND 08.64.279]. In addition, the physician shall submit evidence of holding a license to practice medicine in a state or territory of the United States or in a province or territory of Canada.

Sec. 6. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to applicants who submit applications on or after the effective date of this Act.

Sec. 7. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).