

On Mar 13, 2016, at 5:34 PM, Hovenden, Janey L (CED) <[janey.hovenden@alaska.gov](mailto:janey.hovenden@alaska.gov)> wrote:

Hello Taneeka,

Here are the answers as given by Debora Stovern, MED Executive Administrator.

For questions #1 – that section is a requirement of the compact. The compact is a pathway for highly trained physicians with no derogatory background to obtain an expedited license. As noted in the facts quoted below, a specialty certification is one of the requirements for a physician to participate in the compact; physicians that do not hold a specialty certification may still apply for licensure through the current state processes. Some general practitioners may hold specialty certifications (family medicine, internal medicine, preventive medicine, etc.) Those that don't would need to apply through the current process. We do not have the option to change the Compact requirements; we can only decide to participate under the existing requirements, or not.

For question #2 – the LCME is the accrediting body sponsored by AAMC and AMA. The Alaska statutes specify the individual accrediting groups AAMC and AMA. So the requirements are basically the same.

Please let me know if you need anything further,

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**Subject:** Questions from HB 237 hearing last Thursday

Good morning,

There were a few questions that came up last Thursday during the hearing on HB 237 which I did not have an answer to but that I am hoping the Medical Board might.

**1. Representative Vazquez asked about specialty certificates (page 5 line 20 of the bill), if that would limit general practitioners from participating in the compact and why we would want to do that.**

Below is what the FSMB had to say about the qualifications. If the Alaska Medical board had more to say about this [If most practitioners in the state would qualify, or if there are more accurate certificates that should be required] I would greatly appreciate it.

FACT: In order for the Compact to be acceptable in ALL states, the definition of a physician was drafted by state medical boards in a manner that meets the highest standards already

required for expedited licensure or licensure by endorsement (many states already have standards in place for expedited licensure or licensure by endorsement that require specialty-board certification.)

FACT: Physicians who do not meet the requirements, including those not specialty certified, are still eligible to apply for state medical licensure in a member state through the current process. Initial estimates show that up to 80% of licensed physicians in the U.S. are currently eligible to participate in the Compact, if they choose to do so.

**2. Representative Vazquez asked about the eligibility requirement to graduate from an accredited medical school (page 5 page 9).** I noted that the AK medical board has a similar requirement but with different accrediting groups. I note that the bill allows the listed accrediting agencies *or equivalent*. If the board or staff could comment on whether the current AK medical Board requirements would fall under this 'or equivalent' option or if they think this eligibility requirement would be at cross purposes with the current AK requirement, I would appreciate that.

Thank you. Please let me know if you need additional information on these requests.

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