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AN ACT

Relating to the licensure of foreign medical graduates and to applications for a license to practice medicine; and providing for an effective date.

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

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1 Relating to the licensure of foreign medical graduates and to applications for a license to
2 practice medicine; and providing for an effective date.

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4 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
5 to read:

6 LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT. (a) The legislature finds that foreign
7 medical graduates can be competent and qualified to provide medical care to residents of the
8 state; there is a shortage of physicians in the state, and additional discretion to license foreign
9 medical graduates is needed.

10 (b) It is the intent of the legislature to provide additional discretion to the State
11 Medical Board to license foreign medical graduates while ensuring that foreign medical
12 graduates possess the necessary training and skill to practice medicine competently.

13 * **Sec. 2.** AS 08.64.200(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) Except for foreign medical graduates as specified in AS 08.64.225, each

1 physician applicant shall

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

5 (2) submit a certificate from a recognized hospital or hospitals
6 certifying that the applicant has satisfactorily performed the duties of resident
7 physician or intern for a period of

8 (A) one year if the applicant graduated from medical school
9 before January 1, 1995, as evidenced by a certificate of completion of the first
10 year of postgraduate training from the facility where the applicant completed
11 the first year of internship or residency; and

12 (B) two years if the applicant graduated from medical school
13 on or after January 1, 1995, as evidenced by a certificate of completion of the
14 first year of postgraduate training from the facility where the applicant
15 completed the first year of internship or residency and a certificate of
16 successful completion of one additional year of postgraduate training at a
17 recognized hospital;

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

21 (4) not have a license to practice medicine in another state, country,
22 province, or territory that is currently suspended or revoked for disciplinary reasons.

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

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

27 (1) meet the requirements of AS 08.64.200(a)(3) and (4) and
28 08.64.255;

29 (2) have successfully completed

30 (A) three years of postgraduate training as evidenced by a
31 certificate of completion of the first year of postgraduate training from the

1 facility where the applicant completed the first year of internship or residency
2 and a certificate of successful completion of two additional years of
3 postgraduate training at a recognized hospital; **or**

4 **(B) other requirements establishing proof of competency**
5 **and professional qualifications as the board considers necessary to ensure**
6 **the continued protection of the public adopted at the discretion of the**
7 **board by regulation;** and

8 (3) have passed examinations as specified by the board in regulations.

9 * **Sec. 4.** AS 08.64.225 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

10 (b) Requirements establishing proof of competency under (a)(2)(B) of this
11 section may include

12 (1) current licensure in another state and an active medical practice in
13 that state for at least three years; or

14 (2) current board certification in a practice specialty by the American
15 Board of Medical Specialties.

16 (c) In this section, "recognized hospital" means a hospital that has been
17 approved for internship or residency training by the Accreditation Council for
18 Graduate Medical Education or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of
19 Canada.

20 * **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).