

**HOUSE BILL NO. 102**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE STOLTZE**

**Introduced: 1/21/05**

**Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the licensure of foreign medical graduates; and providing for an**  
2 **effective date."**

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

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 08.64.225 is amended to read:

14 **Sec. 08.64.225. Foreign medical graduates.** Applicants who are graduates of

1 medical colleges not accredited by the Association of American Medical Colleges and  
 2 the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association shall

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

5 (2) have successfully completed

6 (A) three years of postgraduate training as evidenced by a  
 7 certificate of completion of the first year of postgraduate training from the  
 8 facility where the applicant completed the first year of internship or residency  
 9 and a certificate of successful completion of two additional years of  
 10 postgraduate training at a recognized hospital; **or**

11 **(B) other requirements establishing proof of competency**  
 12 **adopted at the discretion of the board by regulation;** and

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

14 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 08.64.225 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

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

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

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

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

25 \* **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).