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[SF 477](#) – Medical License, Internationally Trained Doctors (LSB1866SV.1)  
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### **Description**

[Senate File 477](#) directs the Iowa Board of Medicine (the Board) to grant a license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery to an international medical graduate who is a resident of and licensed to practice in 1 of 10 enumerated countries or Hong Kong, and grants authority to the Board to add additional countries through the Administrative Rules process. The Bill states that licenses shall be granted with no additional training or residency requirements.

The Bill takes effect January 1, 2024.

### **Background**

The Board is funded entirely through fees charged by its members, without a General Fund appropriation. Additional costs for administering the Board and carrying out the duties assigned to the Board would result in increased fees to licensees.

### **Assumptions**

Senate File 477 requires the creation of a new type of medical practitioner license in the AMANDA licensing system used by the Board.

The Board estimates that approximately 422 individuals will apply for the licensure created by the Bill. Processing these licenses will require an additional 1.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) position. Overseeing the implementation of the Program is expected to require approximately 25.0% of the 1.0 FTE position currently attributed to the Board licensing director and 10.0% of the 1.0 FTE position currently assigned to the Board executive director. Because the Board is funded entirely by fee revenue, the Board will need to add the work hours for these FTE positions to the cost of establishing and administering the license when estimating the required license fee.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Updating the AMANDA licensing database to accommodate the new license type created by the Bill would require a one-time vendor cost of approximately \$94,000.

Ongoing FTE position costs include \$50,000 for 1.0 FTE position for a clerk specialist to process the additional licenses, as well as additional supervisory time from the Board's licensure director and the Board's executive director. The 10.0% of the executive director's 1.0 FTE position is estimated to add approximately \$17,000 to the cost of administering the license. The 25.0% of the licensing director's 1.0 FTE position is estimated to add approximately \$28,000 to the cost of administering the license. These supervisory requirements are expected to decrease after the first two years of the license. **Table 1** shows a complete estimate of approximate costs.

**Table 1 — Total Implementation and Administration Costs**

<b>Expense</b>	<b>FY 2024 Estimated Cost</b>	<b>FY 2025 Estimated Cost</b>
0.25 FTE position — Licensing Director	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000
0.10 FTE position — Executive Director	17,000	17,000
1.0 FTE position — Clerk Specialist	50,000	50,000
AMANDA Licensing System Update	94,000	0
Other Board Costs Attributed to the New License	4,000	2,000
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$ 193,000</b>	<b>\$ 97,000</b>

The Board estimates that the new license type would require a fee of \$340.

**Sources**

Board of Medicine  
Legislative Services Agency

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The fiscal note for this Bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.

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