

Senate File 477

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1 Amend Senate File 477, as amended, passed, and reprinted by
2 the Senate, as follows:

3 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and
4 inserting:

5 <Section 1. NEW SECTION. 148J.1 Definitions.

6 For the purposes of this chapter:

7 1. "*Board*" means the board of medicine established pursuant
8 to chapter 147.

9 2. "*Health care facility*" means all of the following:

10 a. A facility as defined in section 514J.102.

11 b. A facility licensed pursuant to chapter 135B.

12 c. A facility licensed pursuant to chapter 135C.

13 3. "*International medical program*" means a medical school,
14 residency program, medical internship program, or entity that
15 provides physicians with a medical education or training
16 outside of the United States that is substantially similar to
17 the practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine
18 and surgery in Iowa and that has been evaluated by the
19 educational commission on foreign medical graduates.

20 4. "*International physician*" means an individual who meets
21 all of the following requirements:

22 a. Has a medical doctorate or substantially similar degree
23 issued by an international medical program in good standing.

24 b. Has been in good standing with the medical licensing or
25 regulatory institution of the individual's resident country
26 during the immediately preceding five years and has no pending
27 discipline before the licensing or regulatory institution.

28 c. Has completed a residency or substantially similar
29 postgraduate medical training in the individual's resident
30 country.

31 d. Has practiced medicine and surgery or osteopathic
32 medicine and surgery as a licensed physician for five years
33 following the completion of a residency or substantially
34 similar postgraduate medical training.

35 e. Possesses basic fluency in the English language.

1 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 148J.2 International physicians —
2 provisional licenses.

3 1. *a.* The board shall grant a provisional license to
4 practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and
5 surgery in this state to an international physician with an
6 offer for employment as a physician at a health care facility
7 in this state. However, the board shall not grant a license
8 pursuant to this subsection to an international physician who
9 does not possess a federal immigration status allowing the
10 international medical graduate to practice as a physician
11 in the United States, or to an international physician who
12 fails to obtain a passing score on the United States medical
13 licensing examination.

14 *b.* A provisional license granted pursuant to paragraph “a”
15 may be converted to a full license to practice medicine and
16 surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery after three years,
17 unless the license has been revoked pursuant to subsection 2
18 or surrendered by the licensee.

19 2. *a.* The board may revoke a provisional license granted
20 pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph “a”, if the board finds by
21 clear and compelling evidence that the licensee has violated
22 a provision of section 148.6. A licensee may appeal a
23 revocation pursuant to this subsection in a court of competent
24 jurisdiction within one hundred twenty days of the date of
25 revocation.

26 *b.* The board may revoke a provisional license granted
27 pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph “a”, if the international
28 physician is not employed by a health care facility in this
29 state during the entirety of the provisional licensing period.

30 3. This section does not require the board to grant a
31 provisional license or full license pursuant to subsection 1 to
32 an individual that does not do all of the following:

33 *a.* Complete training substantially similar to a physician
34 and surgeon or osteopathic physician and surgeon.

35 *b.* Receive a passing score on the United States medical

1 licensing examination.

2 *c.* Pass a background check as required by the board.

3 *d.* Complete a licensure application as required by the
4 board.

5 *e.* Pay all required fees as required by the board.

6 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1,
7 2025.>

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