

**House File 2545 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 650)

(COMPANION TO SF 2184 BY  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to licenses to practice medicine and surgery or  
2 osteopathic medicine and surgery, and administrative medicine  
3 licenses.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 148.3, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph  
2 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

3 An applicant for a license to practice medicine and surgery  
4 or osteopathic medicine and surgery, or the applicant's designee,  
5 shall present to the board all of the following:

6 Sec. 2. Section 148.3, Code 2026, is amended by adding the  
7 following new subsections:

8 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. The board shall adopt rules pursuant to  
9 chapter 17A to set the term of a license to practice medicine  
10 and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, but shall not  
11 require a license to be renewed more often than once every three  
12 years. A license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic  
13 medicine and surgery shall expire on the licensee's birthday.

14 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The board shall not require a licensee to  
15 complete more than fifteen hours of continuing education credits  
16 per calendar year to maintain a license to practice medicine and  
17 surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.

18 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. The board shall issue a final decision  
19 of an application for a license to practice medicine and surgery  
20 or osteopathic medicine and surgery within forty-five calendar  
21 days of receipt of the application, unless the board notifies  
22 the applicant or the applicant's designee, and, if applicable,  
23 the applicant's employer, of specific concerns that are delaying  
24 the final review of the application. In no event shall  
25 the board fail to issue a final decision on an application  
26 within seventy-five calendar days of receipt of all necessary  
27 documentation from the applicant or the applicant's designee.

28 Sec. 3. Section 148.11A, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
29 to read as follows:

30 2. a. An application for an administrative medicine license  
31 shall be made to the board. An applicant for an administrative  
32 medicine license shall meet all of the requirements established  
33 in section 148.3 and any additional requirements established by  
34 the board by rule. The board shall also adopt rules governing  
35 the initial issuance and renewal of administrative medicine

1 licenses and establishing fees therefor. All license and renewal  
2 fees shall be paid to the board.

3 b. The board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to  
4 set the term of an administrative medicine license, but shall not  
5 require an administrative license to be renewed more often than  
6 once every three years. An administrative medicine license shall  
7 expire on the licensee's birthday.

8 c. The board shall not require a licensee to complete more  
9 than fifteen hours of continuing education credits per calendar  
10 year to maintain an administrative medicine license.

11 d. The board shall issue a final decision on an application  
12 for an administrative medicine license within forty-five calendar  
13 days of receipt of the application, unless the board notifies  
14 the applicant or the applicant's designee and, if applicable,  
15 the applicant's employer, of specific concerns that are delaying  
16 the final review of the application. In no event shall  
17 the board fail to issue a final decision on an application  
18 within seventy-five calendar days of receipt of all necessary  
19 documentation from the applicant or the applicant's designee.

20 EXPLANATION

21 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
22 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

23 This bill relates to licenses to practice medicine and surgery  
24 or osteopathic medicine and surgery, and administrative medicine  
25 licenses (license). The bill allows an applicant for a license  
26 to designate a person to submit application materials on the  
27 applicant's behalf. The bill requires the board of medicine  
28 (board) to adopt rules setting the term of a license at not  
29 less than three years, and requires a license to expire on  
30 the birthday of a licensee. The bill prohibits the board  
31 from requiring a person to complete more than 15 hours of  
32 continuing education credits per year to maintain a license.  
33 The bill requires the board to issue a final decision on an  
34 application for a license within 45 calendar days of receipt of  
35 the application, or 75 calendar days of receipt of all necessary

1 documentation from the applicant or the applicant's designee if  
2 the board informs the applicant or the applicant's designee and  
3 the applicant's employer, if applicable, that there are specific  
4 concerns that are delaying the final review of the application.

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