

House Study Bill 650 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON HARRIS)

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:

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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, and, if applicable, the applicant's employer, of
23 specific concerns that are delaying the final review of the
24 application. In no event shall the board fail to issue a final
25 decision on an application within seventy-five calendar days of
26 receipt of all necessary documentation from the applicant or the
27 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 and, if applicable, the applicant's employer, of
15 specific concerns that are delaying the final review of the
16 application. In no event shall the board fail to issue a final
17 decision on an application within seventy-five calendar days of
18 receipt of all necessary documentation from the applicant or the
19 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

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

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