

Senate File 469 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 469
BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1121)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating an emeritus license to practice medicine and
2 surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **148.4 Emeritus license.**

2 1. The board shall grant an emeritus license to a physician
3 and surgeon or osteopathic physician and surgeon who is at least
4 sixty years of age, who is or will be primarily engaged in the
5 practice of supervising and training resident physicians, and who
6 submits an application on a form prescribed by the board.

7 2. An emeritus license issued pursuant to this section shall
8 entitle the licensee to maintain the same scope of practice
9 as the licensee had as a physician and surgeon or osteopathic
10 physician and surgeon.

11 3. An emeritus license issued pursuant to this section shall
12 be valid for three years from the date of issue and may be
13 renewed once.

14 4. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a
15 licensee licensed pursuant to this section is not required to
16 complete continuing education credits to maintain or renew an
17 emeritus license.

18 5. The application and renewal fee for an emeritus license
19 shall be one half of the application and renewal fees for a
20 license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine
21 and surgery.

22 6. The board shall adopt rules for the implementation of this
23 section, including a rule that defines "primarily engaged in the
24 practice of supervising and training resident physicians".

25 7. The board shall not issue a license pursuant to this
26 section prior to January 1, 2026.

27 **EXPLANATION**

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

30 This bill relates to the issuance of an emeritus license
31 to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and
32 surgery. The bill requires the board of medicine (board)
33 to issue an emeritus license to a physician and surgeon or
34 osteopathic physician and surgeon who is at least 60 years of
35 age, who is or will be primarily engaged in the practice of

1 supervising and training resident physicians, and who submits
2 an application on a form prescribed by the board. An emeritus
3 license issued pursuant to the bill entitles the licensee to
4 maintain the same scope of practice as the licensee had as a
5 physician and surgeon or osteopathic physician and surgeon, does
6 not require continuing education credits, is valid for a term
7 of three years, and may be renewed once. The bill sets the
8 application and renewal fees for an emeritus license at one half
9 of the cost for a license to practice medicine and surgery or
10 osteopathic medicine and surgery. The bill requires the board to
11 adopt rules for the implementation of the bill, including a rule
12 that defines "primarily engaged in the practice of supervising
13 and training resident physicians". The board shall not issue a
14 license pursuant to the bill prior to January 1, 2026.

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