

**Senate Study Bill 3081 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
BILL BY CHAIRPERSON WARME)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to licenses to practice medicine and surgery  
2 or osteopathic medicine and surgery, and administrative  
3 medicine licenses.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 148.3, subsection 1, unnumbered  
2 paragraph 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  
5 designee, 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  
12 three years. A license to practice medicine and surgery or  
13 osteopathic medicine and surgery shall expire on the licensee's  
14 birthday.

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

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

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

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

1 the initial issuance and renewal of administrative medicine  
2 licenses and establishing fees therefor. All license and  
3 renewal fees shall be paid to the board.

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

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

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

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EXPLANATION

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

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

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1 of the application, or 75 calendar days of receipt of all  
2 necessary documentation from the applicant or the applicant's  
3 designee if the board informs the applicant and the applicant's  
4 employer, if applicable, that there are specific concerns that  
5 are delaying the final review of the application.