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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 439)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 15, 2023)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the licensure of internationally trained
2 physicians and including effective date provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 148I.1 Definitions.

2 For the purposes of this chapter:

3 1. "Board" means the board of medicine established pursuant
4 to chapter 147.

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

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

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

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

9 3. "International medical graduate" means an individual who
10 meets all of the following requirements:

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

13 b. Is in good standing with the medical licensing or
14 regulatory institution of the individual's resident country.

15 c. Has completed a residency or substantially similar
16 post-graduate medical training in the individual's resident
17 country or has practiced as a medical professional performing
18 medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery for
19 at least two years.

20 d. Possesses basic fluency in the English language.

21 4. "International medical program" means a medical school,
22 residency program, medical internship program, or entity that
23 provides physicians with a medical education or training
24 outside of the United States that is substantially similar to
25 the practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine
26 and surgery in Iowa.

27 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 148I.2 Licensure of international
28 medical graduates.

29 1. The board shall a grant a license to practice medicine
30 and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery in this state
31 to an international medical graduate who is a resident of and
32 licensed to practice in any of the following countries:

33 a. Australia.

34 b. Canada.

35 c. Hong Kong.

- 1 *od.* India.
- 2 *d.* Ireland.
- 3 *e.* Israel.
- 4 *f.* New Zealand.
- 5 *g.* Singapore.
- 6 *h.* South Africa.
- 7 *i.* Switzerland.
- 8 *j.* The United Kingdom.
- 9 *k.* Additional countries as determined by the board by rule.

10 2. An international medical graduate holding a valid
11 standard certificate pursuant to section 148.3, subsection 1,
12 shall be granted a license to practice medicine and surgery or
13 osteopathic medicine and surgery in this state without meeting
14 additional training or residency requirements.

15 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 148I.3 International medical graduates
16 — provisional licenses.

17 1. *a.* The board shall grant a provisional license to
18 practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and
19 surgery in this state to an international medical graduate
20 with an offer for employment as a physician at a health care
21 facility in this state.

22 *b.* A provisional license granted pursuant to paragraph "a"
23 shall be converted to a full license to practice medicine and
24 surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery after one year
25 unless the license has been revoked pursuant to subsection 2
26 or surrendered by the licensee.

27 2. The board may revoke a provisional license granted
28 pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph "a", if the board finds by
29 clear and compelling evidence that the licensee has violated
30 a provision of section 148.6. A licensee may appeal a
31 revocation pursuant to this subsection in a court of competent
32 jurisdiction within one hundred twenty days of the revocation.

33 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 1, 2024.