SENATE FILE 477
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 439)

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A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the licensure of internationally trained physicians and including effective date provisions.

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

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

For the purposes of this chapter:

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

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

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

b. A facility licensed pursuant to chapter 135B.

c. A facility licensed pursuant to chapter 135C.

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

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

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

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

d. Possesses basic fluency in the English language.

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

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

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

a. Australia.

b. Canada.

c. Hong Kong.

0d. India.

d. Ireland.

e. Israel.

f. New Zealand.

g. Singapore.

h. South Africa.

i. Switzerland.

j. The United Kingdom.

k. Additional countries as determined by the board by rule.

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

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

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

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

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

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