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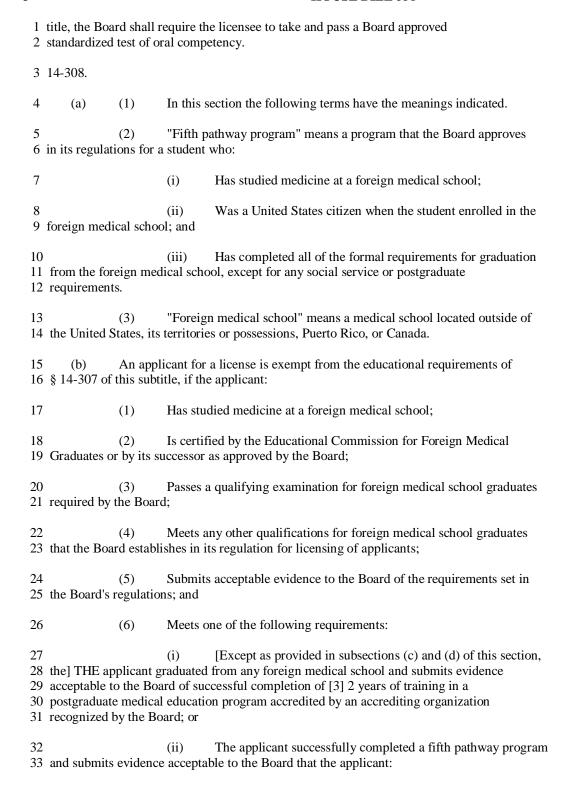
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By: Delegate Barve Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2000 Assigned to: Environmental Matters Committee Report: Favorable with amendments House action: Adopted Read second time: March 7, 2000	
1 AN ACT concerning	
2 Licensure of Physicians - Qualifications - Postgraduate Training	
3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain applicants for a license to practice medicine to 4 complete a certain number of years of certain postgraduate medical training; 5 exempting certain foreign medical school graduates from certain educational 6 requirements if the foreign graduates complete a certain number of years of 7 certain postgraduate medical training; repealing certain provisions of law that 8 relate to certain graduates from foreign medical schools; and generally relating 9 to certain qualifications for medical licensure.	
10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, 11 Article - Health Occupations 12 Section 14-307 and 14-308 13 Annotated Code of Maryland 14 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)	
15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:	
17 Article - Health Occupations	
18 14-307.	

19 (a) To qualify for a license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the 20 requirements of this section.

The applicant shall be of good moral character.

1 (c) The applicant shall be at least 18 years old. 2 (d) Except as provided in § 14-308 of this subtitle, the applicant shall: 3 (1) Have a degree of doctor of medicine from a medical school that 4 is accredited by an accrediting organization that the Board recognizes in its 5 regulations; AND SUBMIT EVIDENCE ACCEPTABLE TO THE BOARD OF 6 (II)7 SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF 2 YEARS 1 YEAR OF TRAINING IN A POSTGRADUATE 8 MEDICAL TRAINING PROGRAM THAT IS ACCREDITED BY AN ACCREDITING 9 ORGANIZATION THAT THE BOARD RECOGNIZES IN ITS REGULATIONS; or 10 (2)(i) Have a degree of doctor of osteopathy from a school of 11 osteopathy in the United States, its territories or possessions, Puerto Rico, or Canada 12 that has standards for graduation equivalent to those established by the American 13 Osteopathic Association; and 14 Submit evidence acceptable to the Board of successful (ii) 15 completion of 1 year of training in a postgraduate medical training program 16 accredited by an accrediting organization that the Board recognizes in its regulations. 17 Except as otherwise provided in this title, the applicant shall pass an (e) examination required by the Board under this subtitle. 18 19 The applicant shall meet any other qualifications that the Board 20 establishes in its regulations for license applicants. 21 An applicant who has failed the examination or any part of the 22 examination 3 or more times shall submit evidence of having completed 1 year of 23 additional clinical training in an approved postgraduate training program following 24 the latest failure. 25 (h) The Board shall require as part of its examination or licensing (1) procedures that an applicant for a license to practice medicine demonstrate an oral competency in the English language. Graduation from a recognized English-speaking undergraduate 28 29 school or high school, including General Education Development (GED), after at least 30 3 years of enrollment, or from a recognized English-speaking professional school is 31 acceptable as proof of proficiency in the oral communication of the English language 32 under this section. 33 By regulation, the Board shall develop a procedure for testing 34 individuals who because of their speech impairment are unable to complete satisfactorily a Board approved standardized test of oral competency. 36 (4) If any disciplinary charges or action that involves a problem with the 37 oral communication of the English language are brought against a licensee under this



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3	1. Has a document issued by the foreign medical school certifying that the applicant completed all of the formal requirements of that school for the study of medicine, except for the postgraduate or social service components as required by the foreign country or its medical school;
5	2. Has successfully completed a fifth pathway program; and
6 7	3. Has successfully completed 2 years of training in a postgraduate medical education program following completion of a Board approved

- 9 [(c) A current licensee who is a graduate of a foreign medical school approved
- 10 by the Board prior to July 1, 1992 shall only be required to demonstrate successful
- 11 completion of 1 year of training in a postgraduate medical education program
- 12 accredited by an accrediting organization recognized by the Board.
- 13 (d) An applicant for licensure who, prior to July 1, 1992 has successfully
- 14 graduated from a foreign medical school approved by the Board prior to July 1, 1992
- 15 shall only be required to demonstrate successful completion of 1 year of training in a
- 16 postgraduate medical education program accredited by an accrediting organization
- 17 recognized by the Board.]

8 fifth pathway program.

- 18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 19 October 1, 2000.