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FISCAL NOTE  
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House Bill 558 (Delegate Barve)

Environmental Matters

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**Licensure of Physicians - Qualifications - Postgraduate Training**

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This bill requires an applicant for a license to practice medicine to submit to the Board of Physician Quality Assurance (BPQA) evidence of successful completion of one year postgraduate medical training in an accredited program. In addition, the bill changes the number of years, from three to two, of postgraduate medical training a graduate of a foreign medical school must complete. The bill also repeals an exception to postgraduate training requirements for graduates of foreign medical schools, who may, under certain circumstances, only complete one year of postgraduate training.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill's provisions would not materially affect governmental finances or operations.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Applicants for licensure as a physician who have graduated from an accredited medical school in the United States do not have to complete two years of postgraduate training. An applicant who graduated from a medical school in another country is required to complete three years of postgraduate training, unless the applicant graduated from the foreign medical school before July 1, 1992. In this circumstance, the applicant only needs to complete one year of postgraduate training.

**Background:** This bill standardizes a two-year postgraduate education requirement for both

foreign-educated and domestic-educated applicants.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** A similar bill, HB 1200, was introduced in 1999 and was reported unfavorably from the Environmental Matters Committee.

**Cross File:** None.

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