

Chapter 460

(Senate Bill 1020)

AN ACT concerning

**State Board of Physicians – ~~Authority to Adopt Regulations~~ – Physician Licensing Reciprocity**

FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing the State Board of Physicians to adopt regulations that would allow the Board to license an applicant who is licensed as a physician in another state if the applicant meets certain qualification and licensing requirements and the state in which the applicant is licensed offers a certain reciprocal licensing process; and generally relating to physician licensing reciprocity under the State Board of Physicians~~ requiring the State Board of Physicians to license certain applicants to practice medicine under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to reciprocal licensure for physicians.

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 14–307(j)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Health Occupations**

14–307.

**(J) (1) THE BOARD SHALL LICENSE AN APPLICANT TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IF:**

**(I) THE APPLICANT:**

**1. BECAME LICENSED OR CERTIFIED AS A PHYSICIAN IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION UNDER REQUIREMENTS THAT THE BOARD DETERMINES ARE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TITLE;**

**2. IS IN GOOD STANDING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE OTHER JURISDICTION;**

**3. SUBMITS AN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD ON A FORM THAT THE BOARD REQUIRES; AND**

**4. PAYS TO THE BOARD AN APPLICATION FEE SET BY THE BOARD; AND**

**(II) THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE APPLICANT IS LICENSED OR CERTIFIED OFFERS A SIMILAR RECIPROCAL LICENSING PROCESS FOR INDIVIDUALS LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE BY THE BOARD.**

**(2) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBSECTION.**

~~**(J) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO LICENSE AN APPLICANT WHO IS LICENSED AS A PHYSICIAN IN ANOTHER STATE IF:**~~

~~**(1) THE APPLICANT:**~~

~~**(i) MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY THIS TITLE; AND**~~

~~**(ii) BECAME LICENSED IN THE OTHER STATE UNDER REQUIREMENTS SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TITLE; AND**~~

~~**(2) THE STATE IN WHICH THE APPLICANT IS LICENSED OFFERS A SIMILAR RECIPROCAL LICENSING PROCESS FOR INDIVIDUALS LICENSED AS PHYSICIANS BY THE BOARD.**~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2016.