

# HOUSE BILL 598

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Physicians – Licensing – Internationally Trained Physicians**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Physicians to issue a certain license to  
4 practice medicine to an internationally trained physician under certain  
5 circumstances; and generally relating to the licensure of internationally trained  
6 physicians.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Health Occupations

9 Section 14–321

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Health Occupations**

15 **14–321.**

16 **(A) (1) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2028, THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A LICENSE**  
17 **TO PRACTICE MEDICINE TO A PHYSICIAN LICENSED IN A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE**  
18 **UNITED STATES, ITS TERRITORIES OR POSSESSIONS, PUERTO RICO, OR CANADA**  
19 **WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

20 **(2) THE TERM OF A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD UNDER THIS**  
21 **SECTION MAY NOT EXCEED 3 YEARS.**

22 **(3) A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT**  
23 **BE RENEWED.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) AN APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT EVIDENCE ACCEPTABLE TO THE BOARD**  
2 **THAT THE APPLICANT:**

3           **(1) HAS RECEIVED A DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE OR ITS**  
4 **EQUIVALENT FROM A LEGALLY CHARTERED MEDICAL SCHOOL OUTSIDE THE**  
5 **UNITED STATES, ITS TERRITORIES OR POSSESSIONS, PUERTO RICO, OR CANADA**  
6 **THAT IS RECOGNIZED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION;**

7           **(2) HAS COMPLETED AT LEAST 2 YEARS OF POSTGRADUATE**  
8 **TRAINING IN THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THE APPLICANT IS LICENSED THAT IS**  
9 **EQUIVALENT TO A POSTGRADUATE RESIDENCY PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY THE**  
10 **ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION;**

11           **(3) HAS BEEN LICENSED OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE**  
12 **MEDICINE IN A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES, ITS TERRITORIES OR**  
13 **POSSESSIONS, PUERTO RICO, OR CANADA, AND HAS PRACTICED MEDICINE FOR AT**  
14 **LEAST 5 OF THE 7 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF APPLICATION;**

15           **(4) IS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE MEDICAL LICENSING OR**  
16 **REGULATORY AUTHORITY IN THE COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES, ITS**  
17 **TERRITORIES OR POSSESSIONS, PUERTO RICO, OR CANADA WITH WHICH THE**  
18 **BOARD, THE FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS, OR ANOTHER NATIONALLY**  
19 **RECOGNIZED MEDICAL STANDARDS OVERSIGHT ENTITY IS ABLE TO VERIFY THE**  
20 **PHYSICIAN'S DISCIPLINE AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND HISTORY;**

21           **(5) HAS NO PENDING DISCIPLINARY MATTERS BEFORE ANY**  
22 **LICENSING OR REGULATORY BODY;**

23           **(6) HAS A VALID CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE EDUCATIONAL**  
24 **COMMISSION FOR FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATES;**

25           **(7) HAS ACHIEVED A PASSING SCORE ON STEP 1, STEP 2 (CLINICAL**  
26 **KNOWLEDGE), AND STEP 3 OF THE UNITED STATES MEDICAL LICENSING**  
27 **EXAMINATION;**

28           **(8) IS DOMICILED IN THE STATE;**

29           **(9) DEMONSTRATES ORAL AND WRITTEN COMPETENCY IN THE**  
30 **ENGLISH LANGUAGE;**

31           **(10) IS OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER;**

1           **(11) MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER §§ 14-309 AND 14-313 OF**  
2 **THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

3           **(12) HAS SATISFIED ANY OTHER CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE**  
4 **BOARD FOR ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION.**

5           **(C) THE BOARD MAY DETERMINE AN APPLICANT INELIGIBLE FOR**  
6 **LICENSURE IF THE APPLICANT HAD:**

7                 **(1) A PREVIOUS DISCIPLINARY ACTION; OR**

8                 **(2) DISCIPLINE OR COMPETENCY ISSUES DURING THE APPLICANT'S**  
9 **POSTGRADUATE TRAINING.**

10           **(D) THE BOARD MAY REVOKE A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION IF:**

11                 **(1) THE LICENSEE HAS PRACTICED OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE**  
12 **LICENSE;**

13                 **(2) THE LICENSEE'S EMPLOYMENT IS TERMINATED;**

14                 **(3) THE LICENSEE HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A DISCIPLINARY**  
15 **ACTION; OR**

16                 **(4) THE LICENSEE IS NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR THE LICENSE.**

17           **(E) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS:**

18                 **(1) TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND APPLICATION**  
19 **FEES FOR A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION;**

20                 **(2) TO ESTABLISH CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO A LICENSEE;**

21                 **(3) TO PROVIDE A PATHWAY TO FULL LICENSURE AFTER THE**  
22 **LICENSEE SUCCESSFULLY SATISFIES ANY LICENSE CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY**  
23 **THE BOARD UNDER ITEM (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

24                 **(4) NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION, ADMINISTRATION, AND**  
25 **ENFORCEMENT OF THIS SECTION.**

26           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2026.