

SENATE BILL 380

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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.

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;

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:

31 (10) IS OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER:

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

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

7 (1) A PREVIOUS DISCIPLINARY ACTION; OR

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

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

17 (E) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS:

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

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