

Bill No. CS for SB 2128

Amendment No.

	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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11	Senator Gutman moved the following amendment:		
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13	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)		
14	On page 187, between lines 2 and 3,		
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16	insert:		
17	Section 242. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of		
18	section 458.3155, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:		
19	458.3115 Restricted license; certain foreign-licensed		
20	physicians; United States Medical Licensing Examination		
21	(USMLE) or agency-developed examination; restrictions on		
22	practice; full licensure.--		
23	(1)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the		
24	agency shall provide procedures under which certain physicians		
25	who are or were foreign-licensed and have practiced medicine		
26	no less than 2 years may take the USMLE or an agency-developed		
27	examination to qualify for a restricted license to practice		
28	medicine in this state. The agency and board-developed		
29	examination shall test the same areas of medical knowledge as		
30	the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States,		
31	Inc. (FLEX) previously administered by the Florida Board of		

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1 Medicine to grant medical licensure in Florida. Said
 2 ~~examination shall be in the same form and content and shall be~~
 3 ~~administered in the same manner as the FLEX.~~The
 4 agency-developed examination must be made available no later
 5 than December 31 ~~September 1~~, 1998, to a physician who
 6 qualifies for licensure. A person who is eligible to take and
 7 elects to take the agency and board-developed examination, who
 8 has previously passed part 1 or part 2 of the previously
 9 administered FLEX shall not be required to retake or pass the
 10 equivalent parts of the agency-developed examination, and may
 11 sit for the agency and board-developed examination five times
 12 within 5 years.

13 Section 243. The sum of \$1.2 million from the
 14 unallocated balance in the Medical Quality Assurance Trust
 15 Fund is appropriated to the Department of Health to allow the
 16 department to develop the examination required for foreign
 17 licensed physicians in section 458.3115(1)(a), Florida
 18 Statutes, through a contract with the University of South
 19 Florida. The department shall charge examinees a fee that, in
 20 the aggregate, will reimburse the Medical Quality Assurance
 21 Trust Fund for the amount advanced to the department under
 22 this section. This section expires July 1, 1999.

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 24 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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28 And the title is amended as follows:

29 On page 4, line 21, after the semicolon

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providing an appropriation to the Department of
Health to develop the examination required for
foreign-licensed physicians; providing
examination fees; providing an expiration date;