

Bill No. SB 2502

Amendment No. ____

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Senator Gutman moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 7, between lines 21 and 22,

insert:

Section 6. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 474 of the 1998-1999 General Appropriations Act, the sum of \$2 million is transferred from the unallocated balance in the Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund to the Department of Health to allow the department to develop the examination required for foreign-licensed physicians in section 458.3115(1)(a), Florida Statutes, through a contract with the University of South Florida. The department shall charge examinees a fee that, in the aggregate, will reimburse the Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund for the amount advanced to the department under this section. This section expires July 1, 1999.

Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 458.3115, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

458.3115 Restricted license; certain foreign-licensed

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1 physicians; United States Medical Licensing Examination
 2 (USMLE) or agency-developed examination; restrictions on
 3 practice; full licensure.--
 4 (1)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
 5 agency shall provide procedures under which certain physicians
 6 who are or were foreign-licensed and have practiced medicine
 7 no less than 2 years may take the USMLE or an agency-developed
 8 examination to qualify for a restricted license to practice
 9 medicine in this state. The agency and board-developed
 10 examination shall test the same areas of medical knowledge as
 11 the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States,
 12 Inc. (FLEX) previously administered by the Florida Board of
 13 Medicine to grant medical licensure in Florida. Said
 14 examination shall be in the same form and content and shall be
 15 administered in the same manner as the FLEX. The
 16 agency-developed examination must be made available no later
 17 than September 1, 1999 ~~1998~~, to a physician who qualifies for
 18 licensure. A person who is eligible to take and elects to take
 19 the agency and board-developed examination, who has previously
 20 passed part 1 or part 2 of the previously administered FLEX
 21 shall not be required to retake or pass the equivalent parts
 22 of the agency-developed examination, and may sit for the
 23 agency and board-developed examination five times within 5
 24 years.

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26 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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29 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

30 And the title is amended as follows:

31 On page 1, line 19, after the semicolon,

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1 insert:

2 providing an advance of funds from the Medical
3 Quality Assurance Trust Fund to the Department
4 of Health to allow the department to develop an
5 examination for foreign-licensed physicians;
6 providing for reimbursement of the trust fund
7 through examination fees; amending s. 458.3115,
8 F.S.; changing the date for availability of the
9 examination for foreign-licensed physicians;

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