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Senators Gutman and Casas moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 15, between lines 27 and 28,

insert:

Section 21. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 474 of the 1998-1999 General Appropriations Act, the sum of \$1.2 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 22. 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 December 31 ~~September 1~~, 1998, to a physician who
 18 qualifies for licensure. A person who is eligible to take and
 19 elects to take the agency and board-developed examination, who
 20 has previously passed part 1 or part 2 of the previously
 21 administered FLEX shall not be required to retake or pass the
 22 equivalent parts of the agency-developed examination, and may
 23 sit for the agency and board-developed examination five times
 24 within 5 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 3, line 1, 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.; deleting certain requirements for the
9 examination; changing the date for availability
10 of the examination for foreign-licensed
11 physicians;

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