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Senator Gutman moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 33, between lines 8 and 9,

insert:

Section 36. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of section 458.3115, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are amended to read:

458.3115 Restricted license; certain foreign-licensed physicians; United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) or agency-developed examination; restrictions on practice; full licensure.--

(1)

(b) A person who is eligible to take and elects to take the USMLE who has previously passed part 1 or part 2 of the previously administered FLEX shall not be required to retake or pass the equivalent parts of the USMLE up to the year 2002 ~~2000~~.

(c) A person shall be eligible to take such examination for restricted licensure if the person:

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2 completed, in November 1990 or November 1992, one of the  
3 special preparatory medical update courses authorized by the  
4 board and the University of Miami Medical School and  
5 subsequently passed the final course examination; upon  
6 approval by the board to take the course completed in 1990 or  
7 in 1992, has a certificate of successful completion of that  
8 course from the University of Miami or the Stanley H. Kaplan  
9 course; or can document to the department that he or she was  
10 one of the persons who took and successfully completed the  
11 Stanley H. Kaplan course that was approved by the Board of  
12 Medicine and supervised by the University of Miami. At a  
13 minimum, the documentation must include class attendance  
14 records and the test score on the final course examination;
- 15           2. Applies to the agency and submits an application  
16 fee that is nonrefundable and equivalent to the fee required  
17 for full licensure;
- 18           3. Documents no less than 2 years of the active  
19 practice of medicine in any ~~another~~ jurisdiction;
- 20           4. Submits an examination fee that is nonrefundable  
21 and equivalent to the fee required for full licensure plus the  
22 actual per-applicant cost to the agency to provide either  
23 examination described in this section;
- 24           5. Has not committed any act or offense in this or any  
25 other jurisdiction that would constitute a substantial basis  
26 for disciplining a physician under this chapter or part II of  
27 chapter 455; and
- 28           6. Is not under discipline, investigation, or  
29 prosecution in this or any other jurisdiction for an act that  
30 would constitute a violation of this chapter or part II of  
31 chapter 455 and that substantially threatened or threatens the

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1 public health, safety, or welfare.

2 Section 37. Subsection (2) of section 458.3124,  
3 Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

4 458.3124 Restricted license; certain experienced  
5 foreign-trained physicians.--

6 (2) A person applying for licensure under this section  
7 must submit to the Department of Health on or before December  
8 31, 2000 ~~1998~~:

9 (a) A completed application and documentation required  
10 by the Board of Medicine to prove compliance with subsection  
11 (1); and

12 (b) A nonrefundable application fee not to exceed \$500  
13 and a nonrefundable examination fee not to exceed \$300 plus  
14 the actual cost to purchase and administer the examination.

15 Section 38. Effective upon this act becoming a law,  
16 section 301 of chapter 98-166, Laws of Florida, is amended to  
17 read:

18 Section 301. The sum of \$1.2 million from the  
19 unallocated balance in the Medical Quality Assurance Trust  
20 Fund is appropriated to the Department of Health to allow the  
21 department to develop the examination required for foreign  
22 licensed physicians in section 458.3115(1)(a), Florida  
23 Statutes, through a contract with the University of South  
24 Florida. The department shall charge examinees a fee not to  
25 exceed 25 percent of the cost of the actual costs of the first  
26 examination administered pursuant to section 458.3115, Florida  
27 Statutes, 1998 Supplement, and a fee not to exceed 75 percent  
28 of the actual costs for any subsequent examination  
29 administered pursuant to that section.

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31 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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2 And the title is amended as follows:

3           On page 1, lines 2 and 3, delete those lines

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5 and insert:

6           An act relating to health care; amending s.

7           458.3115, F.S.; revising requirements with

8           respect to eligibility of certain

9           foreign-licensed physicians to take and pass

10          standardized examinations; amending s.

11          458.3124, F.S.; changing the date by which

12          application for a restricted license must be

13          submitted; amending s. 301, ch. 98-166, Laws of

14          Florida; prescribing fees for foreign-licensed

15          physicians taking a certain examination;

16          providing legislative findings with respect to

17          end-of-life care; authorizing the Secretary

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