

Bill No. CS for SB 2448

Amendment No. 5

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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 17, between lines 9 and 10,

insert:

Section 19. 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

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1 examination for restricted licensure if the person:

2 1. Has taken, upon approval by the board, and
3 completed, in November 1990 or November 1992, one of the
4 special preparatory medical update courses authorized by the
5 board and the University of Miami Medical School and
6 subsequently passed the final course examination; upon
7 approval by the board to take the course completed in 1990 or
8 in 1992, has a certificate of successful completion of that
9 course from the University of Miami or the Stanley H. Kaplan
10 course; or can document to the department that he or she was
11 one of the persons who took and successfully completed the
12 Stanley H. Kaplan course that was approved by the Board of
13 Medicine and supervised by the University of Miami. At a
14 minimum, the documentation must include class attendance
15 records and the test score on the final course examination;

16 2. Applies to the agency and submits an application
17 fee that is nonrefundable and equivalent to the fee required
18 for full licensure;

19 3. Documents no less than 2 years of the active
20 practice of medicine in any ~~another~~ jurisdiction;

21 4. Submits an examination fee that is nonrefundable
22 and equivalent to the fee required for full licensure plus the
23 actual per-applicant cost to the agency to provide either
24 examination described in this section;

25 5. Has not committed any act or offense in this or any
26 other jurisdiction that would constitute a substantial basis
27 for disciplining a physician under this chapter or part II of
28 chapter 455; and

29 6. Is not under discipline, investigation, or
30 prosecution in this or any other jurisdiction for an act that
31 would constitute a violation of this chapter or part II of

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1 chapter 455 and that substantially threatened or threatens the
2 public health, safety, or welfare.

3 Section 20. Subsection (2) of section 458.3124,
4 Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

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

7 (2) A person applying for licensure under this section
8 must submit to the Department of Health on or before December
9 31, 2000 ~~1998~~:

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

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

16 Section 21. Effective upon this act becoming a law,
17 section 301 of chapter 98-166, Laws of Florida, is amended to
18 read:

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

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1 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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5 And the title is amended as follows:

6 On page 3, line 10, following the semicolon

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8 insert:

9 amending s. 458.3115, F.S.; revising
10 requirements with respect to eligibility of
11 certain foreign-licensed physicians to take and
12 pass standardized examinations; amending s.
13 458.3124, F.S.; changing the date by which
14 application for a restricted license must be
15 submitted; amending s. 301, ch. 98-166, Laws of
16 Florida; prescribing fees for foreign-licensed
17 physicians taking a certain examination;

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