Bill No. <u>CS for SB 880</u>

Amendment No. ____

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11	Senators Gutman and Casas moved the following amendment:
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13	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)
14	On page 13, between lines 16 and 17,
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16	insert:
17	Section 7. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of
18	section 458.3115, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are
19	amended to read:
20	458.3115 Restricted license; certain foreign-licensed
21	physicians; United States Medical Licensing Examination
22	(USMLE) or agency-developed examination; restrictions on
23	practice; full licensure
24	(1)
25	(b) A person who is eligible to take and elects to
26	take the USMLE who has previously passed part 1 or part 2 of
27	the previously administered FLEX shall not be required to
28	retake or pass the equivalent parts of the USMLE up to the
29	year <u>2002</u> 2000 .
30	(c) A person shall be eligible to take such
31	examination for restricted licensure if the person:
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- Has taken, upon approval by the board, and completed, in November 1990 or November 1992, one of the special preparatory medical update courses authorized by the board and the University of Miami Medical School and subsequently passed the final course examination; upon approval by the board to take the course completed in 1990 or in 1992, has a certificate of successful completion of that course from the University of Miami or the Stanley H. Kaplan course; or can document to the department that he or she was one of the persons who took and successfully completed the Stanley H. Kaplan course that was approved by the Board of Medicine and supervised by the University of Miami. At a minimum, the documentation must include class attendance records and the test score on the final course examination;
- 2. Applies to the agency and submits an application fee that is nonrefundable and equivalent to the fee required for full licensure;
- 3. Documents no less than 2 years of the active practice of medicine in any jurisdiction another jurisdiction;
- Submits an examination fee that is nonrefundable and equivalent to the fee required for full licensure plus the actual per-applicant cost to the agency to provide either examination described in this section;
- 5. Has not committed any act or offense in this or any other jurisdiction that would constitute a substantial basis for disciplining a physician under this chapter or part II of chapter 455; and
- 6. Is not under discipline, investigation, or prosecution in this or any other jurisdiction for an act that would constitute a violation of this chapter or part II of 31 chapter 455 and that substantially threatened or threatens the

public health, safety, or welfare.

Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 458.3124, Florida

Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

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

- (2) A person applying for licensure under this section must submit to the Department of Health on or before December $31,\ 2000\ \frac{1998}{}$:
- (a) A completed application and documentation required by the Board of Medicine to prove compliance with subsection(1); and
- (b) A nonrefundable application fee not to exceed \$500 and a nonrefundable examination fee not to exceed \$300 plus the actual cost to purchase and administer the examination.

Section 9. Effective upon this act becoming a law, section 301 of chapter 98-166, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 301. The sum of \$1.2 million from the unallocated balance in the Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund is appropriated 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 not to exceed 25 percent of the cost of the actual costs of the first examination administered pursuant to section 458.3115, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, and a fee not to exceed 75 percent of the actual costs for any subsequent examination administered pursuant to that section.

31 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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====== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows: On page 1, line 25, after the semicolon, insert: amending s. 458.3115, F.S.; revising requirements with respect to eligibility of certain foreign-licensed physicians to take and pass standardized examinations; amending s. 458.3124, F.S.; changing the date by which application for a restricted license must be submitted; amending s. 301 of ch. 98-166, Laws of Florida; prescribing fees for foreign-licensed physicians taking a certain examination;