

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the practice of medicine; creating s.  
 3           458.3096, F.S.; prohibiting medical residency, licensure,  
 4           or practice under certain circumstances; providing an  
 5           exception; providing an effective date.

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 7   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 9           Section 1.   Section 458.3096, Florida Statutes, is created  
 10          to read:

11           458.3096 Prohibition of medical residency, licensure, or  
 12          practice in the state; grounds for prohibition; exception.--

13           (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
 14          contrary, any United States citizen or United States resident  
 15          who travels to Cuba to receive medical training or a medical  
 16          degree is prohibited from undertaking his or her medical  
 17          residency in the state, from being licensed to practice medicine  
 18          in the state, and from practicing medicine in any capacity in  
 19          the state.

20           (2) This prohibition does not apply to any native or  
 21          citizen of Cuba who received his or her medical training or  
 22          medical degree in Cuba prior to immigrating to the United  
 23          States.

24           Section 2.   This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.