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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to foreign-trained medical
3 professionals; amending s. 456.022, F.S.; prohibiting
4 the Department of Health from issuing a license to, or
5 renewing the license of, certain persons who travel to
6 the Republic of Cuba to obtain medical training or a
7 medical degree; providing an exemption; providing an
8 effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Subsection (7) is added to section 456.022,
13 Florida Statutes, to read:

14 456.022 Foreign-trained professionals; special examination
15 and license provisions.—

16 (7) The department, for its boards, shall not issue an
17 initial license to, or renew the license of, any applicant or
18 licensee who is a citizen or resident of the United States and
19 who travels to the Republic of Cuba to obtain medical training
20 or a medical degree for a medical residency program or licensure
21 under chapter 458 or chapter 459. This subsection does not apply
22 to a resident national of the Republic of Cuba who receives
23 medical training or obtains a medical degree before immigrating
24 to the United States.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.