



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Policy (Burton) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

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3 Delete everything after the enacting clause
4 and insert:

5 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
6 458.315, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7 458.315 Temporary certificate for practice in areas of
8 critical need.—

9 (3) The board may issue a temporary certificate under this
10 section subject to the following restrictions:



11 (c)1. Any certificate issued under this section is valid
12 only so long as one of the following conditions applies:

13 a. The State Surgeon General determines that the reason for
14 which it was issued remains a critical need to the state.

15 b. The certificate was issued for practice in an area of
16 critical need that has since lost its designation and the
17 certificateholder maintains an active primary care treatment
18 relationship in the area with one or more patients. In such
19 case, the certificateholder may continue providing primary care
20 services to patients in such area under the certificate if the
21 board finds that all other requirements are satisfied during its
22 review of the certificateholder.

23 2. The board shall review each temporary certificateholder
24 at least annually to ascertain that the certificateholder is
25 complying with the minimum requirements of the Medical Practice
26 Act and its adopted rules, as applicable to the
27 certificateholder. If it is determined that the
28 certificateholder is not meeting such minimum requirements, the
29 board must revoke such certificate or impose restrictions or
30 conditions, or both, as a condition of continued practice under
31 the certificate.

32 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
33 459.0076, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

34 459.0076 Temporary certificate for practice in areas of
35 critical need.—

36 (3) The board may issue this temporary certificate subject
37 to the following restrictions:

38 (c)1. Any certificate issued under this section is valid
39 only so long as one of the following conditions applies:



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40 a. The State Surgeon General determines that the reason for
41 which it was issued remains a critical need to the state.

42 b. The certificate was issued for practice in an area of
43 critical need that has since lost its designation and the
44 certificateholder maintains an active primary care treatment
45 relationship in the area with one or more patients. In such
46 case, the certificateholder may continue providing primary care
47 services to patients in such area under the certificate if the
48 board finds that all other requirements are satisfied during its
49 review of the certificateholder.

50 2. The board shall review each temporary certificateholder
51 at least annually to ascertain that the certificateholder is
52 complying with the minimum requirements of the Osteopathic
53 Medical Practice Act and its adopted rules, as applicable to the
54 certificateholder. If it is determined that the
55 certificateholder is not meeting such minimum requirements, the
56 board must revoke such certificate or impose restrictions or
57 conditions, or both, as a condition of continued practice under
58 the certificate.

59 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
60 464.0121, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

61 464.0121 Temporary certificate for practice in areas of
62 critical need.—

63 (3) The board may issue a temporary certificate under this
64 section subject to the following restrictions:

65 (c) 1. Any certificate issued under this section is valid
66 only so long as one of the following conditions applies:

67 a. The State Surgeon General maintains the determination
68 that the critical need that supported the issuance of the



69 temporary certificate remains a critical need to the state.

70 b. The certificate was issued for practice in an area of
71 critical need that has since lost its designation and the
72 certificateholder maintains an active primary care treatment
73 relationship in the area with one or more patients. In such
74 case, the certificateholder may continue providing primary care
75 services to patients in such area under the certificate if the
76 board finds that all other requirements are satisfied during its
77 review of the certificateholder.

78 2. The board shall review each temporary certificateholder
79 at least annually to ascertain that the certificateholder is
80 complying with the minimum requirements of the Nurse Practice
81 Act and its adopted rules, as applicable to the
82 certificateholder. If it is determined that the
83 certificateholder is not meeting such minimum requirements, the
84 board must revoke such certificate or impose restrictions or
85 conditions, or both, as a condition of continued practice under
86 the certificate.

87 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

88 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

89 And the title is amended as follows:

90 Delete everything before the enacting clause
91 and insert:

92 A bill to be entitled
93 An act relating to temporary certificates for practice
94 in areas of critical need; amending ss. 458.315,
95 459.0076, and 464.0121, F.S.; revising the conditions
96 under which the Board of Medicine, the Board of
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98 Osteopathic Medicine, and the Board of Nursing,
99 respectively, are authorized to issue temporary
100 certificates for practice in areas of critical need;
101 authorizing certificateholders to continue primary
102 care services after such areas lose their critical
103 need designation under certain circumstances;
104 providing an effective date.