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HOUSE BILL No. 1555

DIGEST OF HB 1555 (Updated February 4, 2025 10:33 am - DI 140)

Citations Affected: IC 25-22.5.

Synopsis: Licensure of foreign trained physicians. Establishes a limited medical license for individuals who: (1) have graduated from certain international medical programs; (2) obtain a health care facility sponsor in an underserved area; and (3) meet certain other criteria. Provides that a limited medical license authorizes the recipient to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine only at a health care facility in an underserved area. Enables the medical licensing board of Indiana (board) to revoke a limited medical license if the recipient stops working as a physician at a health care facility in an underserved area. Provides that a limited medical license may be converted to an unlimited license at the discretion of the board after five years.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

**Baird, King, McGuire,
Garcia Wilburn**

January 21, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.
February 4, 2025, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-22.5-5-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2025]: **Sec. 7. (a) For purposes of this section, "health care**
4 **facility" has the meaning set forth in IC 16-21-11-1.**

5 **(b) For purposes of this section, "underserved area" means a**
6 **county, city, town, census tract, or township designated by the**
7 **Indiana department of health under IC 16-46-5-7 as underserved**
8 **by physicians.**

9 **(c) Except as provided in subsection (d), the board may issue a**
10 **limited license to an individual if the following apply:**

11 **(1) The individual applies in a form and manner required by**
12 **the board.**

13 **(2) The individual pays a fee set by the board.**

14 **(3) The individual:**

15 **(A) holds:**

16 **(i) a medical doctorate or substantially similar degree**
17 **issued by an international medical program in good**

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- 1 standing; and
- 2 (ii) a certificate issued by the Educational Commission
- 3 on Foreign Medical Graduates;
- 4 (B) is in good standing with the medical licensing or
- 5 regulatory institution of the individual's resident country
- 6 and has no pending discipline before the licensing or
- 7 regulatory institution;
- 8 (C) completed a residency program or other similar
- 9 postgraduate medical training that is substantially similar
- 10 to a residency program accredited by the Accreditation
- 11 Council for Graduate Medical Education;
- 12 (D) practiced medicine or osteopathic medicine as a
- 13 licensed physician for five (5) years following the
- 14 completion of the residency program or other similar
- 15 postgraduate medical training described in clause (C);
- 16 (E) achieved a passing score on both step one (1) and step
- 17 two (2) of the United States Medical Licensing
- 18 Examination; and
- 19 (F) is proficient in the English language.
- 20 (4) The individual has an offer of employment as a physician
- 21 at a health care facility in an underserved area.
- 22 (d) The board may not issue a limited license under this section
- 23 to an individual who does not possess a federal immigration status
- 24 allowing the individual to practice as a physician in the United
- 25 States.
- 26 (e) A limited license under this section:
- 27 (1) authorizes the recipient to practice medicine or
- 28 osteopathic medicine only at a health care facility in an
- 29 underserved area; and
- 30 (2) is valid for a period of six (6) years.
- 31 (f) The board may revoke a limited license under this section if:
- 32 (1) the recipient is no longer employed as a physician at a
- 33 health care facility in an underserved area; or
- 34 (2) there is compelling reason to revoke the limited license.
- 35 (g) Notwithstanding IC 25-22.5-3, a limited license under this
- 36 section may be converted to an unlimited license at the discretion
- 37 of the board after five (5) years.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Public Health, to which was referred House Bill 1555, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1555 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0

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