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AN ACT

To repeal sections 334.020, 334.031, and 334.035, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to the licensure of physicians trained in other countries.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 334.020, 334.031, and 334.035, RSMo, are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 334.020, 334.031, and 334.035, to read as follows:

334.020. ~~[Whenever used in this chapter, unless expressly stated otherwise, the term "board" means]~~ **For purposes of this chapter, the following terms mean:**

(1) **"Board"**, the state board of registration for the healing arts in the state of Missouri;

(2) **"International medical graduate"**, any individual who:

(a) **Has been granted a medical doctorate or substantially similar degree by a qualified international medical program;**

(b) **Is in good standing with the medical licensing or regulatory institution of his or her resident country;**

(c) **Has completed a residency or substantially similar postgraduate medical training at a qualified international medical program;**

(d) **Possesses basic fluency in the English language; and**

(e) **Possesses a federal immigration status that allows him or her to work in the United States;**

(3) **"Qualified international medical program"**, any medical school, residency program, medical internship program, or entity that provides medical education or

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 **training outside of the United States that is substantially similar to the education or**
17 **training required to practice as a physician in this state.**

334.031. 1. Candidates for licenses as physicians and surgeons shall furnish satisfactory
2 evidence of their good moral character, and their preliminary qualifications, to wit: a certificate
3 of graduation from an accredited high school or its equivalent, and satisfactory evidence of
4 completion of preprofessional education consisting of a minimum of sixty semester hours of
5 college credits in acceptable subjects leading towards the degree of bachelor of arts or bachelor
6 of science from an accredited college or university. They shall also furnish satisfactory evidence
7 of having attended throughout at least four terms of thirty-two weeks of actual instructions in
8 each term and of having received a diploma from some reputable medical college or osteopathic
9 college that enforces requirements of four terms of thirty-two weeks for actual instruction in each
10 term, including, in addition to class work, such experience in operative and hospital work during
11 the last two years of instruction as is required by the American Medical Association and the
12 American Osteopathic Association before the college is approved and accredited as reputable.
13 Any medical college approved and accredited as reputable by the American Medical Association
14 or the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and any osteopathic college approved and
15 accredited as reputable by the American Osteopathic Association is deemed to have complied
16 with the requirements of this subsection. **Receipt of a degree from a qualified international**
17 **medical program shall satisfy all the educational requirements of this subsection.**

18 2. In determining the qualifications necessary for licensure as a qualified physician and
19 surgeon, the board, by rule and regulation, may accept **the receipt of a degree from a qualified**
20 **international medical program or** the certificate of the National Board of Medical Examiners
21 of the United States, chartered pursuant to the laws of the District of Columbia, of the National
22 Board of Examiners for Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons chartered pursuant to the laws of
23 the state of Indiana, or of the Licentiate of the Medical Counsel of Canada (LMCC) in lieu of and
24 as equivalent to its own professional examination. Every applicant for a license on the basis of
25 such **degree or** certificate, upon making application showing necessary qualifications as
26 provided in subsection 1 of this section, shall be required to pay the same fee required of
27 applicants to take the examination before the board.

334.035. 1. Except as otherwise provided in section 334.036 **and subsection 2 of this**
2 **section**, every applicant for a permanent license as a physician and surgeon shall provide the
3 board with satisfactory evidence of having successfully completed such postgraduate training in
4 hospitals or medical or osteopathic colleges as the board may prescribe by rule.

5 2. (1) **The board may, in its discretion, consider an applicant who is an**
6 **international medical graduate to have met the postgraduate training requirement in**
7 **subsection 1 of this section.**

8 **(2) If an applicant is an international medical graduate with a degree from a**
9 **qualified international medical program that is accredited by the board under subsection**
10 **3 of this section, the board shall consider the applicant to have met the postgraduate**
11 **training requirement in subsection 1 of this section.**

12 **3. The board shall permit qualified international medical programs to apply for**
13 **accreditation with the board. The board may grant accreditation if a qualified**
14 **international medical program provides evidence that its graduates are likely to provide**
15 **medical services that satisfy the state's medical safety, competence, and conduct standards**
16 **for physicians. The board shall post the complete list of qualified international medical**
17 **programs accredited under this subsection on its website or provide the list upon request.**

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