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SENATE BILL 167

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE  
MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT TO ALLOW LICENSURE WITHOUT EXAMINATION OF  
PHYSICIANS LICENSED IN ANY TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES  
WITHOUT REGARD TO PRIOR EXPERIENCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

**SECTION 1.** Section 61-6-13 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989,  
Chapter 269, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-6-13. LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT.--

A. The board may grant a license by endorsement to  
an applicant who:

(1) has graduated from an accredited United  
States or Canadian medical school;

(2) is board certified in a specialty  
recognized by the American board of medical specialties;

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1 (3) has been a licensed physician in  
2 the United States or Canada [~~and has practiced medicine in the~~  
3 ~~United States or Canada immediately preceding the application~~  
4 ~~for at least three years~~];

5 (4) holds an unrestricted license in another  
6 state, the District of Columbia or a territory of the United  
7 States or in Canada; and

8 (5) was not the subject of a disciplinary  
9 action in a state, the District of Columbia or a territory of  
10 the United States or [~~province~~] in Canada.

11 B. The board may grant a license by endorsement to  
12 an applicant who:

13 (1) has graduated from a medical school  
14 located outside the United States or Canada;

15 (2) is of good moral character;

16 (3) is in compliance with the United States  
17 immigration laws;

18 (4) is board certified in a specialty  
19 recognized by the American board of medical specialties;

20 (5) has been a licensed physician in the  
21 United States or Canada [~~and has practiced medicine in the~~  
22 ~~United States or Canada immediately preceding the application~~  
23 ~~for at least three years~~];

24 (6) holds an unrestricted license in another  
25 state, the District of Columbia or a territory of the United

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1 States or in Canada; and

2 (7) was not the subject of disciplinary action  
3 in a state, the District of Columbia or a territory of the  
4 United States or [~~province~~] in Canada.

5 C. An endorsement provided pursuant to this section  
6 shall certify that the applicant has passed an examination that  
7 meets with board approval and that the applicant is in good  
8 standing in that jurisdiction. In cases when the applicant is  
9 board certified, has not been the subject of disciplinary  
10 action that would be reportable to the national practitioner  
11 data bank or the healthcare integrity and protection data bank  
12 and has unusual skills and experience not generally available  
13 in this state, and patients residing in this state have a  
14 significant need for such skills and experience, the board may  
15 waive a requirement imposing time limits for examination  
16 completion that are different from requirements of the state  
17 where the applicant is licensed.

18 D. An applicant for licensure under this section  
19 may be required to personally appear before the board or a  
20 designated agent for an interview.

21 E. An applicant for licensure under this section  
22 shall pay an application fee as provided in Section 61-6-19  
23 NMSA 1978.

24 F. The board may require fingerprints and other  
25 information necessary for a state and national criminal

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