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SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (014354): Authorizes an applicant for a professional license or certificate that is issued for practice as a physician to show that the applicant has applied for a valid visa that would authorize the applicant to work in the United States under federal law, rather than providing proof of work authorization from the federal Systematic Alien Verifications for Entitlements (SAVE) program.

Changes the date upon which the Board of Medical Examiners (BME) must grant a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine to a temporary license holder from two years after the date of temporary licensure, to two years after the date the temporary licensee begins to practice medicine at a healthcare provider in the state as a temporary licensee.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-58-103(a)(2), to be eligible for a professional or commercial license, an applicant must show that the applicant is either a United States citizen or authorized to work in the United States under federal law as verified by the SAVE program.
- The proposed legislation would allow individuals to apply for certain licenses or certificates if they have applied for a valid visa, rather than providing proof of work authorization.
- It is assumed that this legislation will not result in a significant impact on the total number of licensees of the various regulatory boards under the Department of Commerce and Insurance, the health-related boards under the Department of Health, or any other state or local entity that issues professional or commercial licenses.
- The BME currently has a process to issue temporary licenses of limited duration to international medical school graduates.
- Pursuant to Public Chapter 211 of 2023, the procedure for granting a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine to temporary license holders does not go into effect until July 1, 2024. The proposed legislation is not estimated to have a significant impact on the BME associated with medical licensure provisions.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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