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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1595**

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**By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by  
Representatives Cody, Appleton, and Green)**

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1            AN ACT Relating to graduates of foreign medical schools; and  
2 amending RCW 18.71.051.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.71.051 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 308 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            Applicants for licensure to practice medicine who have graduated  
7 from a school of medicine located outside of the states, territories,  
8 and possessions of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the  
9 Dominion of Canada, shall file an application for licensure with the  
10 commission on a form prepared by the secretary with the approval of the  
11 commission. Each applicant shall furnish proof satisfactory to the  
12 commission of the following:

13            (1) That he or she has completed in a school of medicine a resident  
14 course of professional instruction equivalent to that required in this  
15 chapter for applicants generally;

16            (2)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, that he or she  
17 meets all the requirements which must be met by graduates of the United  
18 States and Canadian school of medicine except that he or she need not  
19 have graduated from a school of medicine approved by the commission;

1       (b) An applicant for licensure under this section is not required  
2 to meet the requirements of RCW 18.71.050(1)(b) if he or she furnishes  
3 proof satisfactory to the commission that he or she has:

4       (i)(A) Been admitted as a permanent immigrant to the United States  
5 as a person of exceptional ability in sciences pursuant to the rules of  
6 the United States department of labor; or

7       (B) Been issued a permanent immigration visa; and

8       (ii) Received multiple sclerosis certified specialist status from  
9 the consortium of multiple sclerosis centers; and

10       (iii) Successfully completed at least twenty-four months of  
11 training in multiple sclerosis at an educational institution in the  
12 United States with an accredited residency program in neurology or  
13 rehabilitation;

14       (3) That he or she has satisfactorily passed the examination given  
15 by the educational council for foreign medical graduates or has met the  
16 requirements in lieu thereof as set forth in rules adopted by the  
17 commission;

18       (4) That he or she has the ability to read, write, speak,  
19 understand, and be understood in the English language.

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