

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY COCHRAN AND CALTAGIRONE, JANUARY 7, 1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
JANUARY 7, 1981

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 20, 1974 (P.L.551, No.190), entitled
2 "An act relating to the right to practice medicine and
3 surgery in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and establishing
4 means and methods whereby the right to practice medicine and
5 surgery and any of its branches and limited right to practice
6 medically related acts may be obtained, and exemptions
7 therefrom; imposing powers and duties on the State Board of
8 Medical Education and Licensure; providing for appropriation
9 of board fees to carry out the provisions thereof, and for
10 the granting, revocation and suspension of licenses;
11 providing penalties for violations; and making repeals,"
12 further providing for citizens of the United States who are
13 enrolled in foreign medical schools.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. Section 6.1, act of July 20, 1974 (P.L.551,
17 No.190), known as the "Medical Practice Act of 1974," is
18 repealed.

19 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

20 Section 6.2. Citizens Enrolled in Foreign Medical Schools.--

21 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act or any

22 other law to the contrary, an individual who at the time of his

enrollment in a medical school outside the United States is a
citizen of the United States is eligible for licensure in this
Commonwealth if he has satisfied the following requirements:

(1) Has studied medicine in a medical school located outside
the United States which is recognized by the World Health
Organization;

(2) Has completed all of the formal requirements of the
foreign medical school except internship and social service;

(3) Has attained a score satisfactory to a medical school
approved by the board on a qualifying examination acceptable to
the board, and has satisfactorily completed a program approved
by the board consisting of one academic year of supervised
clinical training subsequent to completing the requirements of
clause (2) under the direction of the medical school;

(4) Has completed the post-graduate hospital training
required by the board of all applicants for licensure; and

(5) Has passed the examination required by the board of all
applicants for licensure.

(b) Satisfaction of the requirements of subsection (a) are
in lieu of the completion of any foreign internship and social
service requirements, and none of those requirements may be a
condition of licensure as a physician in this Commonwealth.

(c) No hospital licensed by this Commonwealth, or operated
by this Commonwealth or a political subdivision or which
receives State financial assistance, directly or indirectly, may
require an individual who at the time of his enrollment in a
medical school outside the United States is a citizen of the
United States, to satisfy any requirements other than those
contained in clauses (1), (2) and (3) of subsection (a) prior to
commencing an internship or residency.

1 (d) A document granted by a medical school located outside
2 the United States which is recognized by the World Health
3 Organization issued after the completion of all the formal
4 requirements of the foreign medical school except internship and
5 social service, upon certification by the medical school in
6 which the training was received or satisfactory completion by
7 the person to whom the document was issued of the requirements
8 listed in clause (3) of subsection (a), shall be considered the
9 equivalent of a degree of doctor of medicine for purposes of
10 licensing and practice as a physician in this Commonwealth.

11 (e) Any proposed rule or regulation relating to this section
12 shall be submitted to the Chief Clerk of the House of
13 Representatives who shall cause the regulations to be printed
14 and distributed among all members of both chambers in the same
15 manner as a reorganization plan. If both bodies fail to act
16 within sixty days of receipt of such regulations, or within ten
17 legislative days after receipt, whichever shall last occur, the
18 rule or regulation adopted by the board shall be promulgated
19 pursuant to the provisions of the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.769,
20 No.240), referred to as the Commonwealth Documents Law and 45
21 Pa.C.S. Part II (relating to publication and effectiveness of
22 Commonwealth documents). If either chamber disapproves any rule
23 or regulation, such information shall be certified by the
24 Speaker of the House of Representatives or President pro tempore
25 of the Senate to the board, and such regulation shall not be
26 promulgated as a final regulation.

27 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.