

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 2565** Session of  
1998

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DeLUCA AND FLICK, APRIL 29, 1998

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, APRIL 29, 1998

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), entitled  
2 "An act requiring the licensing of practitioners of  
3 osteopathic medicine and surgery; regulating their practice;  
4 providing for certain funds and penalties for violations and  
5 repeals," providing for failure to pay medical education  
6 loans.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261),  
10 known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, is amended by  
11 adding a section to read:

12 Section 15.1. Failure to pay educational loans.

13 (a) The board shall suspend the license of a physician found  
14 to be in breach of a contractual obligation arising out of  
15 receipt of Federal or State funding for medical education.

16 (b) Subsection (a) is subject to 2 Pa.C.S. Ch. 5 Subch. A  
17 (relating to practice and procedure of Commonwealth agencies)  
18 and Ch. 7 Subch. A (relating to judicial review of Commonwealth  
19 agency action).

20 (c) The board shall immediately reinstate the license of a

1 physician whose license is suspended under subsection (a) if any  
2 of the following apply:

3 (1) The physician is no longer in breach of the  
4 contractual obligation.

5 (2) The physician and the obligee have reached agreement  
6 regarding the breach of the contractual obligation.

7 (3) The board is satisfied that the physician is making  
8 sufficient progress toward satisfying the contractual  
9 obligation.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.