

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1283 Session of
2005

INTRODUCED BY HENNESSEY, E. Z. TAYLOR, HERSHEY, SCHRODER, DALEY,
DeWEESE, FAIRCHILD, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, KILLION, KIRKLAND,
LEACH, LEDERER, McILHATTAN, PETRARCA, PETRONE, SAINATO,
WALKO, YOUNGBLOOD AND JAMES, APRIL 6, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, APRIL 6, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112),
2 entitled "An act relating to the right to practice medicine
3 and surgery and the right to practice medically related acts;
4 reestablishing the State Board of Medical Education and
5 Licensure as the State Board of Medicine and providing for
6 its composition, powers and duties; providing for the
7 issuance of licenses and certificates and the suspension and
8 revocation of licenses and certificates; providing penalties;
9 and making repeals," providing for waiver of biennial
10 registration fee.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 25 of the act of December 20, 1985
14 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, is
15 amended to read:

16 Section 25. Licenses and certificates; biennial registration.

17 (a) Issuance of licenses and certificates.--All applicants
18 who have complied with the requirements of the board and who
19 have passed a final examination and who have otherwise complied
20 with the provisions of this act shall receive from the
21 commissioner, or whoever exercises equivalent authority acting

1 for the board, a license or certificate entitling them to the
2 right to practice in this Commonwealth. Each such license or
3 certificate shall be duly recorded in the office of the board,
4 in a record to be properly kept for that purpose which shall be
5 open to public inspection, and a certified copy of said record
6 shall be received as evidence in all courts in this Commonwealth
7 in the trial of any case.

8 (b) Renewals.--It shall be the duty of all persons now or
9 hereafter licensed or certified to be registered with the board
10 and, thereafter, to register in like manner at such intervals
11 and by such methods as the board shall determine by regulations,
12 but in no case shall such renewal period be longer than two
13 years. The form and method of such registration shall be
14 determined by the board.

15 (c) Fees.--[Each person] Subject to subsection (c.1), an
16 individual so registering with the board shall pay, for each
17 biennial registration, a reasonable fee which, if any, shall
18 accompany the application for such registration.

19 (c.1) Waiver.--The board may waive the fee for biennial
20 registration in cases where an individual presents evidence that
21 payment of the fee will cause undue economic hardship. The
22 request for waiver shall be made in writing. The board shall
23 respond to the request for waiver via registered mail and shall
24 set forth its reasons for acceptance or denial of the request.

25 (d) Evidence of registration.--Upon receiving a proper
26 application for such registration accompanied by the fee, if
27 any, above provided for, the board shall issue a certificate of
28 registration to the applicant. Said certificate together with
29 its renewals shall be good and sufficient evidence of
30 registration under the provisions of this act.

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