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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, MAY 11, 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 the definitions of foreign medical
13 college and clinical clerk and further establishing standards
14 for medical training and facilities.

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

17 Section 1. Clause (7) of section 2, act of July 20, 1974
18 (P.L.551, No.190), known as the "Medical Practice Act of 1974,"
19 is amended and a definition is added to read:

20 Section 2. Definitions.--As used in this act, the following
21 terms shall have the following meanings ascribed to them in this
22 section unless the context clearly determines otherwise:

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1 (2.1) "Foreign medical college." Any medical college
2 located outside the United States of America which: (i) is
3 operated on a nonprofit basis; (ii) maintains an enrollment of
4 undergraduate students who are citizens of the country in which
5 the school is located which totals at least twenty-five percent
6 of the total undergraduate enrollment; and (iii) maintains a
7 four-year undergraduate medical education curriculum and offers
8 clinical clerkships on its own campus or by continuing
9 relationships with hospitals in the country in which the school
10 is located.

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12 (7) "Clinical clerk." An undergraduate student in a medical
13 college, or a United States citizen who is an undergraduate
14 student in a foreign medical college as defined in clause (2.1),
15 who is assigned under the auspices of the school in which he is
16 currently enrolled to make notes upon patient histories and
17 physical examinations and to perform certain procedures and
18 laboratory tests for the sole purpose of instruction and
19 experience or who may make notes which become official only when
20 edited and countersigned by a member of the hospital staff who
21 is licensed pursuant to this act. Nothing contained in this act
22 shall be construed to entitle a clinical clerk to practice
23 medicine and surgery or to prescribe drugs.

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25 Section 2. Subsection (c) of section 5 of the act is amended
26 to read:

27 Section 5. Standards for Medical Training and
28 Facilities.--* * *

29 (c) Any medical institutions empowered by the Commonwealth
30 to confer academic degrees in medicine which in the judgment of

1 the board: (i) fail to provide proper facilities[, or]; (ii)
2 fail to maintain the minimum requirements for accreditation; or
3 (iii) discriminate in any way against a hospital which
4 participates in a clinical clerkship program with a foreign
5 medical college shall be duly notified of such failure or
6 discrimination. Until such deficiencies or acts of
7 discrimination are corrected, graduates of such institutions
8 shall be ineligible for licensure and/or graduate medical
9 training.

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