
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2585 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY TOPPER, HILL-EVANS, MILLARD, SCHMITT, DUNBAR,
PICKETT, DeLUCA, ROZZI, IRVIN, KAUFFMAN AND GLEIM,
JUNE 8, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, JUNE 8, 2020

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," further providing for qualifications for license.

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

8 Section 1. Section 6 of the act of October 5, 1978
9 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice
10 Act, is amended by adding a subsection to read:

11 Section 6. Qualifications for license.

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13 (b.1) The following shall apply:

14 (1) An applicant for an initial license to practice
15 medicine and surgery without restriction in this Commonwealth
16 shall request and submit to the board the results of a
17 national criminal history record check. The purpose of the
18 national criminal history record check shall be to assist the
19 board in obtaining information that may relate to the

1 applicant's fitness for licensure.

2 (2) An applicant for an initial license to practice
3 medicine and surgery shall submit to fingerprinting by the
4 Pennsylvania State Police or an authorized agent of the
5 Pennsylvania State Police. The Pennsylvania State Police or
6 an authorized agent shall submit the fingerprints to the
7 Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purposes of obtaining
8 records of criminal arrests and convictions.

9 (3) An applicant requesting that the Commonwealth act as
10 the State of Principal License in accordance with the act of
11 October 26, 2016 (P.L.891, No.112), known as the Interstate
12 Medical Licensure Compact Act, shall submit to fingerprinting
13 by the Pennsylvania State Police or an authorized agent of
14 the Pennsylvania State Police. The Pennsylvania State Police
15 or an authorized agent shall submit the fingerprints to the
16 Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purposes of obtaining
17 records of criminal arrests and convictions to verify
18 eligibility under the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact
19 Act. This paragraph shall not be construed to permit records
20 obtained by the national criminal history record check to be
21 submitted to the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

22 (4) In addition to the application fee, the applicant
23 shall be responsible for any fees required by the
24 Pennsylvania State Police or an authorized agent for the
25 costs of the fingerprinting and the costs of conducting a
26 complete criminal history record check. The applicant shall
27 authorize the release of all records obtained by the criminal
28 history record check to the board.

29 (5) A criminal record check submitted in support of an
30 application for licensure must have been requested by the

1 applicant no earlier than 12 months immediately prior to the
2 board's receipt of the applicant's application for licensure.

3 (6) Information obtained from the criminal history
4 record check:

5 (i) Is confidential.

6 (ii) May not be disseminated.

7 (iii) May be used only for the licensing purpose
8 authorized by this act.

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