
DIGEST

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HB 1160 Engrossed

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Abstract: Creates a restricted rural physician license for international medical graduates who meet certain requirements.

Proposed law authorizes the La. St. Board of Medical Examiners (board) to issue a restricted rural physician license to certain international medical graduates.

Proposed law provides eligibility requirements, including medical education equivalency, passage of licensing examinations, certification by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates or equivalent, clinical experience, background check, and English proficiency.

Proposed law requires licensees to practice only in designated rural or medically underserved areas or at approved facilities, and requires compliance with annual renewal requirements.

Proposed law requires a minimum two-year supervision period under a qualified supervising physician and authorizes the board to permit unsupervised practice upon successful completion of the supervision period.

Proposed law provides limitations on the restricted license and provides for disciplinary action for violations.

Proposed law authorizes eligibility for a full and unrestricted license after five years of continuous practice in a rural or medically underserved area, subject to specified conditions.

Proposed law requires the board to promulgate rules and regulations to implement proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 37:1275.3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Make technical corrections.