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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Section 453-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) Before any applicant shall be eligible for licensure,  
4 the applicant shall furnish proof satisfactory to the board  
5 that:

6 (1) The applicant is of demonstrated competence and  
7 professional knowledge; and

8 (2) The applicant is a graduate of:

9 (A) A medical school or college whose program leading  
10 to the M.D. degree is accredited by the Liaison  
11 Committee on Medical Education or whose program  
12 leading to the D.O. degree is approved by the  
13 American Osteopathic Association Commission on  
14 Osteopathic College Accreditation, and has served  
15 a residency of at least one year in a program  
16 that has been accredited for the training of  
17 resident physicians or osteopathic physicians by



1 the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical  
2 Education or the American Osteopathic  
3 Association, respectively, or a residency of at  
4 least one year in a program in Canada that has  
5 been accredited for the training of resident  
6 physicians by the Royal College of Physicians and  
7 Surgeons of Canada, or the College of Family  
8 Physicians of Canada; or

9 (B) A foreign medical school [~~and~~] listed in the  
10 World Directory of Medical Schools; has  
11 demonstrated a proficiency in the English  
12 language; has had at least two years of residency  
13 in a program accredited by the Accreditation  
14 Council for Graduate Medical Education or the  
15 American Osteopathic Association[7]; or has  
16 completed a minimum of two years of higher level  
17 clinical training as an international fellow who  
18 was not in a position accredited by the  
19 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical  
20 Education or the American Osteopathic Association  
21 at a training institution accredited by the



1                   Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical  
2                   Education or the American Osteopathic Association  
3                   and who has demonstrated clinical competence  
4                   comparable to that of an individual who has  
5                   graduated from a program accredited by the  
6                   Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical  
7                   Education or the American Osteopathic  
8                   Association; or has had at least two years of  
9                   residency in a program in Canada that has been  
10                  accredited for the training of resident  
11                  physicians by the Royal College of Physicians and  
12                  Surgeons of Canada, or by the College of Family  
13                  Physicians of Canada; and:  
14                  (i) Holds the national certificate of the  
15                        Educational Commission for Foreign Medical  
16                        Graduates, or its successor, or for  
17                        applicants with residency training in  
18                        Canada, has passed with scores deemed  
19                        satisfactory by the board, the Medical  
20                        Council of Canada Evaluating Examination, or  
21                        its successor; [~~or~~]



1 (ii) Holds the certificate of the Fifth Pathway  
2 Program of the American Medical Association;

3 or

4 (iii) Has passed the United States Medical  
5 Licensing Examination (USMLE) with scores  
6 deemed satisfactory by the board;

7 provided that for a period of two years after  
8 June 26, 2004, the requirements of subsection  
9 (b) (2) (B) (i) and (ii) shall not apply to any  
10 applicant who has had four years of residency in  
11 a program accredited by the Accreditation Council  
12 for Graduate Medical Education or the American  
13 Osteopathic Association and who has passed, with  
14 scores deemed satisfactory by the board, the  
15 Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) [-]; provided  
16 further that the requirement that an applicant  
17 complete at least two years of residency in an  
18 accredited program shall not apply to any  
19 applicant who has had at least one year of  
20 fellowship training in a program whose parent  
21 program or hospital is accredited by the



1           Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical  
2           Education or the American Osteopathic  
3           Association, or who has had at least one year of  
4           fellowship training in Canada in a program whose  
5           parent program or hospital is accredited by the  
6           Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of  
7           Canada, or by the College of Family Physicians of  
8           Canada; provided further that the board may waive  
9           the residency requirement under this subparagraph  
10          for an applicant who is a graduate from a foreign  
11          medical school who has passed, with scores deemed  
12          satisfactory by the board, the United States  
13          Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) and who  
14          provides services in a specialty that no other  
15          physician licensed in the State provides."

16           SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**Report Title:**

Medical Students; Licensure; Requirements; Waiver; Foreign  
Medical Graduates; Exemptions

**Description:**

Specifies the types of foreign medical schools whose graduates may be accepted for licensure. Specifies licensure requirements for foreign medical graduates. Exempts foreign medical graduates from the residency requirements for medical licensure if the applicant had at least one year of fellowship training in a program whose parent program or hospital holds certain accreditations. Authorizes the Hawaii Medical Board to waive the residency requirements if the foreign medical graduate applicant has graduated from a foreign medical school, passed the USMLE, and practices in a specialty that no other licensed physician in the State practices in. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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