

## ACT 164

H.B. NO. 446

A Bill for an Act Relating to Medical Physician Licensure Examinations.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

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

“(c) [Diplomates of the National Board of Medical Examiners or those who have passed the federation licensing examination (FLEX)] Applicants who have passed the National Board of Medical Examiners examination (NBME), the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX), or the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE), or a combination of these examinations as approved by the board, with scores deemed satisfactory by the board, and who meet the requirements of subsection (b) shall be licensed without the necessity of any further examination; provided that with respect to any applicant, the board may require letters of evaluation, professional evaluation forms, and interviews with chiefs of service or attending physicians who have been associated with an applicant, or chief residents on a service who have been associated with an applicant during the applicant’s training or practice, to be used by the board in assessing the applicant’s qualifications to practice medicine.”

SECTION 2. Section 453-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“~~[[§453-4.5]]~~ **Foreign medical graduates; alternative qualifications.** Notwithstanding section 453-4(b)(2)(B), a graduate of a foreign medical school who has passed the [federation licensing] Federation Licensing examination (FLEX) or the United States Medical Licensing examination (USMLE), or a combination of these examinations as approved by the board, with scores deemed satisfactory to the board, passed the qualifying examination of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates prior to 1984, and has at least three years of medical training or experience in a hospital approved by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association for internship or residency may be licensed by the board of medical examiners under section 453-4(c).”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 9, 1993.)