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**CHAPTER 468**

AN ACT to amend 147.15 (1), as amended by chapter 7, laws of 1961, (1m) and (2) and 147.185 (4); and to create 147.20 (7) of the statutes, relating to the practice of medicine and surgery, physical therapy and graduates of foreign medical schools.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 147.15 (1) of the statutes, as amended by chapter 7, laws of 1961, is amended to read:

147.15 (1) Application may be made at the time and place designated by the board or at a regular meeting. Applicants for license to practice medicine and surgery shall present satisfactory evidence of good moral and professional character, and of having completed a preliminary education equivalent to graduation from an accredited high school of this state, and also a diploma from a reputable professional college. Applicants for license to practice medicine and surgery shall present to the board a di-

ploma from a reputable medical or osteopathic college with standards of education and training substantially equivalent to the university of Wisconsin medical school, approved and recognized by the board. Before approving and recognizing any such college or school, the board shall conduct an investigation and during the course thereof shall hold a public hearing, with notice to all interested parties, at which any person may be heard. The board may designate an agent, including one or more board members, to conduct a portion or all of such investigation to determine the facts upon which the board shall make its findings. The findings and any action taken by the board with reference to approval or recognition of a school or college may be reviewed as provided in ch. 227. The applicant shall also present satisfactory evidence of having completed a college course in physics, chemistry and biology, substantially equivalent to the premedical course at the university of Wisconsin. Each applicant shall file a verified statement that he is familiar with the state health laws and the rules of the state board of health relating to communicable diseases. The application shall be accompanied by a fee, to be fixed by the board at not more than \$45 and \$5 additional for license if issued. An immigrant applicant shall present satisfactory evidence that he \* \* \* *has filed a declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States*, or that he has been permitted to enter or remain in this country under a special act of congress, and if his professional education was completed in a foreign college, the application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$75, and the further fee of \$5 upon the issuance of license shall not be required. Applicants shall pay also the cost of translation into English by the board of documents and papers in a foreign language.

SECTION 2. 147.15 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

147.15 (1m) Where an applicant is a graduate of a foreign medical school which has not been approved or recognized by the board under sub. (1), but the board has reason to believe that the applicant may have professional qualifications, as of the date of his application, through recognized postgraduate work done in this country, or through professional experience, or both, which have given him premedical training substantially equivalent to that offered in the premedical course at the university of Wisconsin, or professional training substantially equivalent to that of the medical school of that university, or both, as provided in sub. (1), the board may in its discretion make such further inquiry, including a personal interview, as \* \* \* *satisfies* the board that he has such equivalent premedical and medical training. If a majority of the board is so satisfied, it may waive the educational prerequisites imposed by sub. (1), and admit the applicant to examination under s. 147.16. *If the applicant has established his professional qualifications by examination in another state with which the board has reciprocity, a written examination for such applicant may be waived under s. 147.17 (1).* In the course of making such additional inquiry, it \* \* \* *may* in each instance ask the dean of any medical school approved and recognized by it to examine, or have examined, the premedical and medical qualifications of such applicant, and to state in writing whether such applicant, at the time of his examination had received such premedical and medical school training, or its equivalent, as would meet the present standards for graduation of the professional school headed by such dean. If in the opinion of such examiner the applicant has had the equivalent of a full course of premedical and medical training offered by the school of which the examiner is a faculty member, his statement shall so state. Unless the dean designated by the board to make such examination of qualifications, or a faculty member appointed by him reports affirmatively, the board shall not exempt such applicant from the educational prerequisites imposed by sub. (1). *In lieu of the foregoing inquiry into the*

*premedical and medical qualifications of such an applicant the board may accept, either in whole or in part, the marks received by such applicant in examinations conducted by the educational council for foreign medical graduates. The fee for examining the preprofessional and professional qualifications of such applicant shall be based upon the time required of the board, or its designated agent. In no event shall it be less than \$100 nor more than \$300. No more than 25 licenses a year shall be issued under this subsection \* \* \*.*

SECTION 3. 147.15 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

147.15 (2) An applicant for a permanent license by examination to practice medicine and surgery who is a graduate of the Marquette university school of medicine, or of the university of Wisconsin medical school, or who is already licensed to practice medicine and surgery in another state and desires licensure by reciprocity in Wisconsin, and who, more than 30 days prior to the date set by the board for the holding of its next examination for licensure, has met all the requirements of sub. (1), in the case of graduates of the Marquette university school of medicine, or of the university of Wisconsin medical school, or who has met all the requirements of s. 147.17 (1) except examination by the board in the case of an applicant already licensed in another state, *or an honorably discharged surgeon of the armed services of the United States, or of the federal public health service, who shall file a sworn and authenticated copy of his discharge; provided that such discharge was within one year of such application for license by reciprocity,* and whose application for license has been accepted by any 2 officers of the board, may, at his request, and on the written findings of the board, acting through any 2 of its officers, that an emergency need exists for medical personnel in a particular area, be granted a temporary license to practice medicine and surgery in the particular area as to which such findings were made. In determining that an emergency exists, such officers shall consider the particular health standards of the area, and the possible detrimental effects resulting from not filling the reported need for additional medical personnel. Such temporary license will expire by its terms 30 days after the next examination for a permanent license is given or on the date following his examination on which the board grants or denies such applicant a permanent license, whichever occurs first; but the temporary license shall automatically expire on the first day the board begins its examination of applicants after issuing such license, unless its holder submits to examination on such date. The holder of a temporary license shall not be entitled to the refund of the fee which accompanied his application for permanent licensure as required by sub. (1), whether or not he takes the examination for permanent licensure. To the extent necessary to give effect to its provisions, but only while a temporary license granted under this subsection remains in force, this subsection shall be construed as suspending all provisions of the statutes which require permanent licensure for the practice of medicine and surgery, and as suspending the operation of ss. 147.02 and 147.04 as to any temporary licensee \* \* \*, if prior to the time he was issued a temporary license hereunder, the holder thereof had applied for a certificate of registration in the basic sciences and paid the fee provided by s. 147.05, and the state board of examiners in the basic sciences had accepted such application. A temporary license shall be issued only once to the same person. \* \* \* *The fee for such license is \$25.*

SECTION 4. 147.185 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

147.185 (4) If the board finds the applicant qualified it shall issue a certificate of registration which shall expire on February 1 of each year and shall be renewed only upon application \* \* \* to the \* \* \* board. *Each*

*registrant shall pay for such registration a fee to be fixed by the board for each given year, which fee shall not exceed \$5 in any year; provided that those who register after January 31 of a given year shall likewise pay whatever fee has been fixed for that year. If the applicant has failed to renew his certificate for a period of at least 5 years, the board shall require the applicant to take a refresher course approved by the board before issuing a renewal certificate if, after oral examination, the committee recommends to the board that such refresher course is necessary. If the applicant for reregistration has been guilty of conduct that would afford a ground for revocation under s. 147.20 the board may so find and refuse to reregister such applicant. Every registration made as provided in this section shall be presumptive evidence in all courts and other places that the person named therein is legally registered for the year covered by such registration.*

SECTION 5. 147.20 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

147.20 (7) A license or certificate of registration may be temporarily suspended by the board, without formal proceedings, and its holder placed on probation for a period not to exceed 3 months where he is known or the board has good cause to believe that such holder has violated the provisions of sub. (1). The board may warn and reprimand the holder of a license or certificate of registration, and may request the state medical grievance committee to act under s. 147.195. The board shall not have authority to suspend a license or certificate of registration, or to place a holder on probation, for more than 2 consecutive 3-month periods. All board actions under this subsection shall be subject to review under ch. 227.

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