



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 744

December 19, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives SKINDRUD, GOETSCH, MUSSER and SCHNEIDER. Referred to Committee on Consumer Affairs.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 448.05 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** requirements for
2 persons applying for a license to practice medicine and surgery.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law establishes various requirements that a person must meet to be issued a license to practice medicine and surgery by the medical examining board (board). The requirements for a graduate of a medical or osteopathic college approved by the board differ from the requirements for a graduate of a foreign medical school that is not approved by the board. The specific requirements are as follows:

1. A graduate of a medical or osteopathic school approved by the board must complete 12 months of postgraduate training in a facility approved by the board.

2. A graduate of a foreign medical school that is not approved by the board must do all of the following: a) complete 12 months of postgraduate training in this country in a program approved by the board or have other professional experience that the board considers to be equivalent to such training; and b) pass the examination given by the educational council for foreign medical graduates. However, if the foreign medical school that is not approved by the board requires that its graduates complete social service or an internship or both and the graduate who is applying for the license has not completed the social service or internship requirement, then the graduate must, in addition to completing 12 months of postgraduate training and passing the examination, complete 12 months of supervised clinical training in a program under the direction of a medical school approved by the board.

This bill eliminates the reference in current law to “foreign” medical schools that are not approved by the board. Thus, under the bill, a graduate of any medical school that is not approved by the board will have to meet the requirements specified under item 2, above. The bill also increases the period of required postgraduate

training from 12 months to 24 months for all persons applying for a license to practice medicine and surgery.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 448.05 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 448.05 (2) LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY. An applicant for any
3 class of license to practice medicine and surgery must supply evidence satisfactory
4 to the board that the applicant is a graduate of and possesses a diploma from a
5 medical or osteopathic college approved by the board and has completed
6 postgraduate training of ~~12~~ 24 months in a facility approved by the board. If an
7 applicant is a graduate of a ~~foreign~~ medical school ~~which~~ that has not been approved
8 by the board, and if such applicant has had postgraduate training in this country in
9 a ~~12-month~~ 24-month program approved by the board or has had other professional
10 experience which the board deems has given the applicant the education and
11 training substantially equivalent, and if such applicant has passed the examinations
12 given by the educational council for foreign medical graduates or its successors, the
13 board may make such additional inquiry including a personal interview as satisfies
14 it that the applicant has had such education and training. If a majority of the board
15 is so satisfied, the applicant may then be admitted to examination for a license to
16 practice medicine and surgery. If an applicant is a graduate of a ~~foreign~~ medical
17 school that has not been approved by the board, ~~and such foreign medical school and~~
18 that requires either social service or internship or both of its graduates, and if such
19 applicant has not completed ~~such~~ the social service or internship requirements ~~but~~
20 ~~has completed a 12-month supervised clinical training program under the direction~~
21 ~~of a medical school approved by the board and has complied with all other~~

1 ~~requirements of this subsection for graduates of foreign medical schools not~~
2 ~~approved by the board, the applicant may then be, then the applicant shall, in~~
3 ~~addition to meeting all of the other requirements of this subsection governing~~
4 ~~licensure of an applicant who is a graduate of a medical school that has not been~~
5 ~~approved by the board, complete a 12-month supervised clinical training program~~
6 ~~under the direction of a medical school approved by the board before being admitted~~
7 to examination for a license to practice medicine and surgery.

8 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

9 (1) This act first applies to applications for a license to practice medicine and
10 surgery that are received by the department of regulation and licensing on the
11 effective date of this subsection.

12 (END)