AN ACT to create 655.001 (7m) and 655.002 (2) (c) of the statutes; relating to: coverage under the injured patients and families compensation fund of medical school graduates engaged in postgraduate training.

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

SECTION 3. 655.001 (7m) of the statutes is created to read:

655.001 (7m) “Graduate medical education program” means a program approved by the medical examining board that provides postgraduate medical education and training for a person who possesses a diploma from a medical or osteopathic college or who has the equivalent education and experience from a foreign medical school recognized by the Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates.

SECTION 4. 655.002 (2) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

655.002 (2) (c) A graduate medical education program that operates in this state. For a graduate medical education program that elects to be subject to this chapter under this paragraph, this chapter applies only to claims arising out of practice that is in this state and that is outside the scope of an exemption under s. 655.003 (1) or (3).

* Section 991.11, Wisconsin Statutes 2003–04: Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated” by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].